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JAPANESE MILITARIST CHIEFS DISCUSS BRITAIN AS

Cost Of China War Causing Tokyo Apprehension

Tokyo, To-day.

The question of whether Japan is able, economically, to continue the China campaign and at the same time to provide funds for consolidation and development of Manchukuo and North China, is being discussed with some apprehension in Japanese financial and industrial circles.

These discussions found an echo in the Diet yesterday, when various awkward questions were put to the Government by M. P.'s who obtained no answer from Government spokesmen.

MOSCOW BREAKS POSTAL RELATIONS WITH JAPAN

Moscow, To-day.

The Soviet has decided temporarily to break off all postal relations with Japan forthwith.

The decision affects mails in transit as well as direct mails between the two countries.

Reasons for the Soviet action are the alleged detention of a large quantity of Soviet mail in Manchuria and detention of a mail plane which was forced to land in Manchukuo on December 19.

Mail posted to Japan in foreign countries to-day will be the last to be accepted for transit across Soviet territory, while mail from Japan to other countries which at present is in Soviet territory will be forwarded to its destination.

The postal administrations of those countries with which the Soviet has agreements, also the International Postal Bureau and the Universal Postal Union, have been notified of the Soviet decision. — Reuter.

Enquiries at the General Post Office in Hong Kong reveal that as the result of the Soviet action, it is "almost certain" that the Siberian mails between London and Hong Kong will be stopped.

More than usual significance is attached to the public admission by the Finance Minister, Mr. Kaya, that the Japanese Government wants foreign credit.

He declared in the Diet yesterday that the Government is considering ways and means of obtaining foreign capital for rapid expansion of industries, but has no definite plan at present.

SUGGESTION REJECTED

A suggestion that part of the gold reserves of the Bank of Japan be used for investment in China was rejected by the Minister on the grounds that it is absolutely necessary for Japan to retain all her gold reserves.

The growing control of the State over Japanese industry is clearly indicated by the new national mobilisation law announced yesterday.

ALL-EMBRACING

The law provides for mobilising all the nation's reserves during time of war, but it is declared that it will not be applied for the time being to the present conflict.

Industries to be mobilised include not only armaments but also commerce, shipping, railways, commercial aviation, electricity, oil, raw materials and machine factories.

In other words, the law can be extended to cover every branch of Japanese industry and will further empower the Government to permit wage or price increase competition, press control and direction of the financial policy of corporations and limited companies. — Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE HARASSED BY GUERILLAS

Shanghai, To-day.
"We are having considerable difficulties owing to Chinese guerillas," admitted a Japanese spokesman last night.
Both north and south of the Yangtze, the spokesman said, many detachments of Chinese irregulars are harassing Japanese troops. — Trans-Ocean.

LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE AT WUHU

Shanghai, To-day.
Chinese and Japanese troops are locked in a life and death struggle for possession of Taku Mountain, dominating Wuhu.
An official Chinese report says that ten Japanese warships have fired more than 1,000 shells into the Chinese positions in the past 24 hours, and asserts that 10,000 Japanese troops have arrived to reinforce the Japanese garrison of Wuhu. — Reuter.

AN ENEMY

"Unless Japan peels off the thick skin of the British for all Orientals to see, eternal peace will not dawn in East Asia," asserts Vice-Admiral Masataka Ando.

"War between Japan and Britain is not likely, but if it broke out Japan would have little to fear from Great Britain," declares Rear-Admiral Toma Uematsu (reserve list). "For the British land forces don't count. They learn to march in dance-halls and are not a match even for the Chinese."

"Yes!" says Rear-Admiral Sosa, "the British were in a quandary in the World War. The Government tried to infuse a spirit of patriotism into the hearts of the people, but few would enlist and fight for their country. Mostly Indians were sent to the Western Front, Canadian volunteers and Australians. In every war the British have always used the armies of other lands to fight their battles. The British Navy is quite strong, I should think. It is formidable compared with the Army."
"Cut Britain off from the Far East. That's my motto," declares Vice-Admiral. (Continued on Page 6)

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Dressing Within An Income

When The Business Girl Buys Her Wardrobe

Clothes bear an important relation to jobs. They are sometimes the motive power by means of which young women manage to pull themselves out of unsatisfactory circumstances onto a high road leading to success.

I am not claiming that clothes can substitute for training, intelligence and good manners, but I do believe that training, intelligence and good manners will fail, in many cases, to bring the success they deserve if they are expected to win against the handicap of bad dressing.

The trip to purchase one's outfit should be the third step in the process of accumulating what one needs. The first step is to decide what proportion of one's salary can be spent for dress. Shelter and food one must have first of all, and one cannot escape sundries, such as soap and postage stamps. The girl who must look well at her job needs to spend from fifteen to twenty per cent of her income on her clothes. Unless she can sew, either making some of her frocks herself or adding details to those that are ready made, she is likely to be crowded up to the twenty per cent standard. These amounts are intended to cover accessories, and the cleaning and repairing of garments, but not beauty parlour services.

Making an Inventory

The second step should be to examine what remains from the past season, for one always hopes it will not be necessary to build from the ground up. Winter garments are the most expensive that one's budget incurs and the total allotted annual sum must be distributed with this in view. The survival of a warm coat greatly eases the problem. Even a pair of sound goloshes or a pair of gloves releases an appreciable amount for other needed items. In order, therefore, to acquire the most attractive wardrobe possible for the amount one cares to spend, "haves" must be listed on the credit side of a memorandum sheet and "have-nots" on the debit side.

Let us suppose that this is her difficult winter, her left-overs including no coat and little besides trifles, and that she has listed her requirements as follows:

- One autumn-weight suit
- or a three-piece suit
- One winter coat
- Three office dresses
- Two evening dresses
- A set of accessories

Beginning With the Coat

She had better begin her purchases with her outdoor garments, for they will be her major expense. Well-cut and interestingly detailed coats of tweeds, both monotone and flecked, woollens in several weaves, and fleeces, all in the season's most popular silhouettes, the coat cut in princess style, the fitted reefer, and that new model which is square and hangs straight from broad shoulders to hemline are all correct. They are nicely, though not elaborately detailed with pleats, yoke effects and panels. Shoulders are moderate, sleeves straight.

Two-Piece And Three-Piece Suits

Smart little classic suits in early fall weight of tweeds, men's suitings, wool novelties and shetland, in dark, neutral and high colours are also useful.

Three-piece suits are high style; tail bands of narrow ribbon and flat bows, are all used for detailing and trimming on bodices. and in view of the fact that their units are divisible and the coat is appropriate for wear with all the other daytime units in the wardrobe, they often turn out to be the best possible purchase.

Dresses A Basic Need

One- and two-piece dresses are the basic need of office workers. Wools and wool-and-rayon mixtures are leading materials, Home-spun types, shepherd checks, plaid tweeds, jerseys, novelties are all popular. Such frocks are tailored, but with that dressmaker softness which characterises contemporary tailored styles. Skirts are straight, pleated or gored. Many sleeves are "bracelet length," that is, they end midway between elbow and wrist. Others are long and a few, for immediate wear, are short. Pleated "action" backs are recommended for typists. Jewel studs; composition buttons carved into dogs' heads or other appealing forms; carved leather buttons; baby python crushed belts, zipper closings (sometimes straight down the back), creating lines of colour matched by pipings elsewhere; high, curved slot pockets; horizon-

Date dresses are made of crush-resistant transparent rayon. Horizontal rows of silk fringe and "gold" necklaces and buckles add to the importance of the bodice.

In selecting an outfit, it is important to establish a basic colour to be used, in its various tones and shades, for all the major garments, for this will permit the economy of getting along with one set of accessories. Coloured accents can give variety.

"Try this way of mending a torn sheet. Smear a little white of egg on the wrong side of the sheet, place over it a piece of the same material and press with a hot iron. It is almost invisible mending."

Upper Row, Left—Three-Piece Suit of Herringbone Tweed, With Fitted Jacket in Cardigan Style and Boxy Top-coat With Vent in Back. Togue of Wool Fabric, Stitched. Matched Calf Bag and Gloves. Right—"Tommy Tucker" Dress Developed in Wool Jersey, Wool-and-Rayon Plaid, Rayon Faille or Rayon Printed Chailis, in Wide Colour Ranges. Lower, Left—Double-Breasted Reefer of Herringbone Tweed With J-Shaped Pockets and Tucked Sleeves. Centre—Tailored Dress for Immediate Wear in Light-Weight Woollen. Right—Frock of Botany Flannel in Chinese Rug Blue.



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NOT WHAT ONE GIVES BUT HOW

Have you, perhaps, known someone whose delight in homemaking enriched not only herself and her immediate family, but many others as well? We are thinking of one such person. A young woman whose hospitality and cordiality are extended to any who come her way, who greets invited guest or chance visitor with equal warmth, who extends the same simple, sincere reception to a rich uncle or a struggling cousin, and who is as friendly and polite to a stray urchin brought in by one of her children as she is to the social leader of the neighbourhood who comes to call.

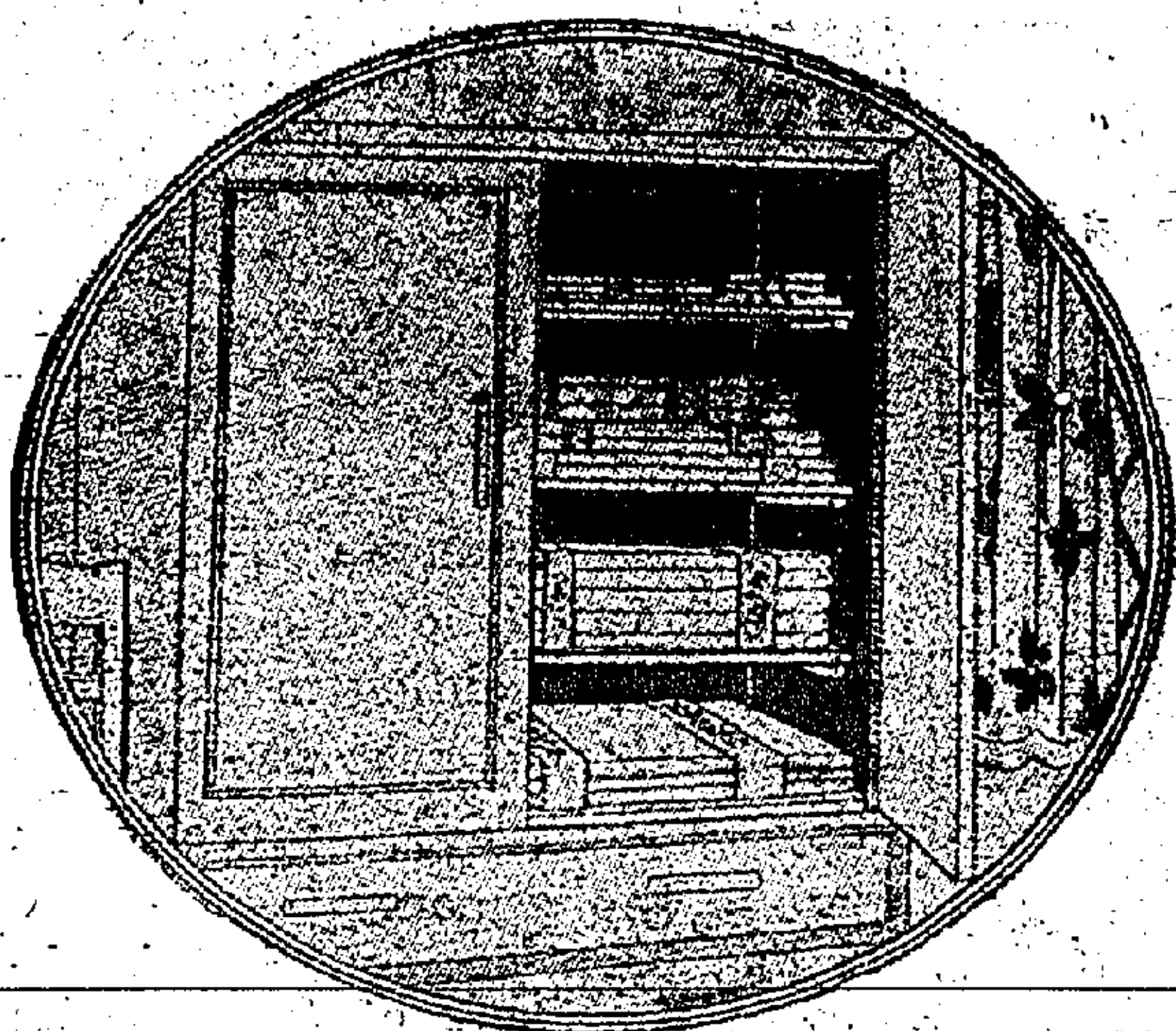
She is not a wealthy, leisured woman with a big house and plenty of servants to help her make a hobby of entertaining, this ideal hostess of ours. Her husband is a hardworking, industrious young man with steady employment, but it takes careful planning and considerable ingenuity on her part to make their income cover the needs of a family with four lively children and to save a little for a rainy day. They live in a small unpretentious flat, which she somehow manages to make attractive and comfortable in spite of its being rather crowded and shabby.

And of course they like company. All children do. And husbands — how they do like to say, "Come on out and have dinner with us," on the spur of the moment. But any housewife knows that there are times when it is less easy than others to have company "drop in," and so we began really to marvel at the unfailing welcome awaiting any guest at this little flat. Finally we said to the young mother, "How do you do it? If you don't mind our asking."

"Oh, not at all," she answered. "In fact, I am very much pleased if you think our home truly hospitable, for ever since I have been old enough to think of having a home of my own that is the kind of one I have wanted. There really isn't any secret about it. It is just that we really like to have people come. It is easy to welcome guests when you are actually glad to see them."

"Most women make such hard work of entertaining. They have to give special invitations and get everything just so before they can have company. They tire themselves out, and the guests feel the nervous reaction. And another thing — the same people exchange hospitality, over and over, and shut themselves out of the pleasure of entertaining unexpected and perhaps delightful visitors. The story of Abraham entertaining angels unawares made quite an impression on me when I was a child," she laughed.

"But honestly," she went on, "it is lots of fun to do little things for people who are not expecting anything. Junior had a little boy with him when he came from school yesterday. 'He's six years old and he's never been to a party,' said Junior. So I stirred up a chocolate cake and sent for ice cream and asked the child to stay for supper. 'Candles on the table! Candles on the table!' he exclaimed in awed delight when he saw the crystal candlesticks and the remnants of tapers we use for special occasions. Hospitality doesn't appear to be so much 'what' you have to give as it does 'how' you give it," she concluded.



It is such a splendid idea to keep your linen in separate piles bound with decorative bands, as each batch comes from the laundry.

The home-proud modern housewife loves to make her linen cupboard look attractive, just as much as her mother and grandmother before her. There has always been something particularly satisfying to a feminine soul in piles of snowy sheets and pillow-cases, faintly scented with verberna or lavender.

A useful suggestion to prolong the life of your linen and prevent you from using the same sheets over again as they come back from the laundry, is always to put them on the bottom of the pile and take them from the top so that each one gets used in turn.

Don't put linen away unmended, or, at least, if you really have not

LINEN Cupboard Daintiness

time for mending when you unpack your laundry basket, let it have a pile of its own in a conspicuous place where it will catch your eye every time you open your cupboard.

It's an excellent plan to make sets of bands to tie round the various piles of towels and tablecloths, and so on. Besides making it easier to keep the contents tidy, by preventing the various articles from getting mixed up, these bands add enormously to the attractive appearance of the linen cupboard, especially if you make them of deep cream furnishing braid, each one embroidered with a pretty little flower-trail in vivid shades of wool.

One yard of braid is enough for a band to go round a pile of towels

or pillow-cases. The design is embroidered in the centre of half the braid, which is then folded, and the top and bottom edges are machined together.

A length of narrow tape is sewn to either end of the band, so that this can be folded over the pile of things and the tapes tied in a bow underneath. Big articles like sheets need two bands tied round, one at each end of the pile, for neatness.

"When cooking potatoes, put the salt in after the water boils. You find this will make them nice and creamy and a better flavour. Also treat other vegetables in the same way and they will be greatly improved. It's worth trying."

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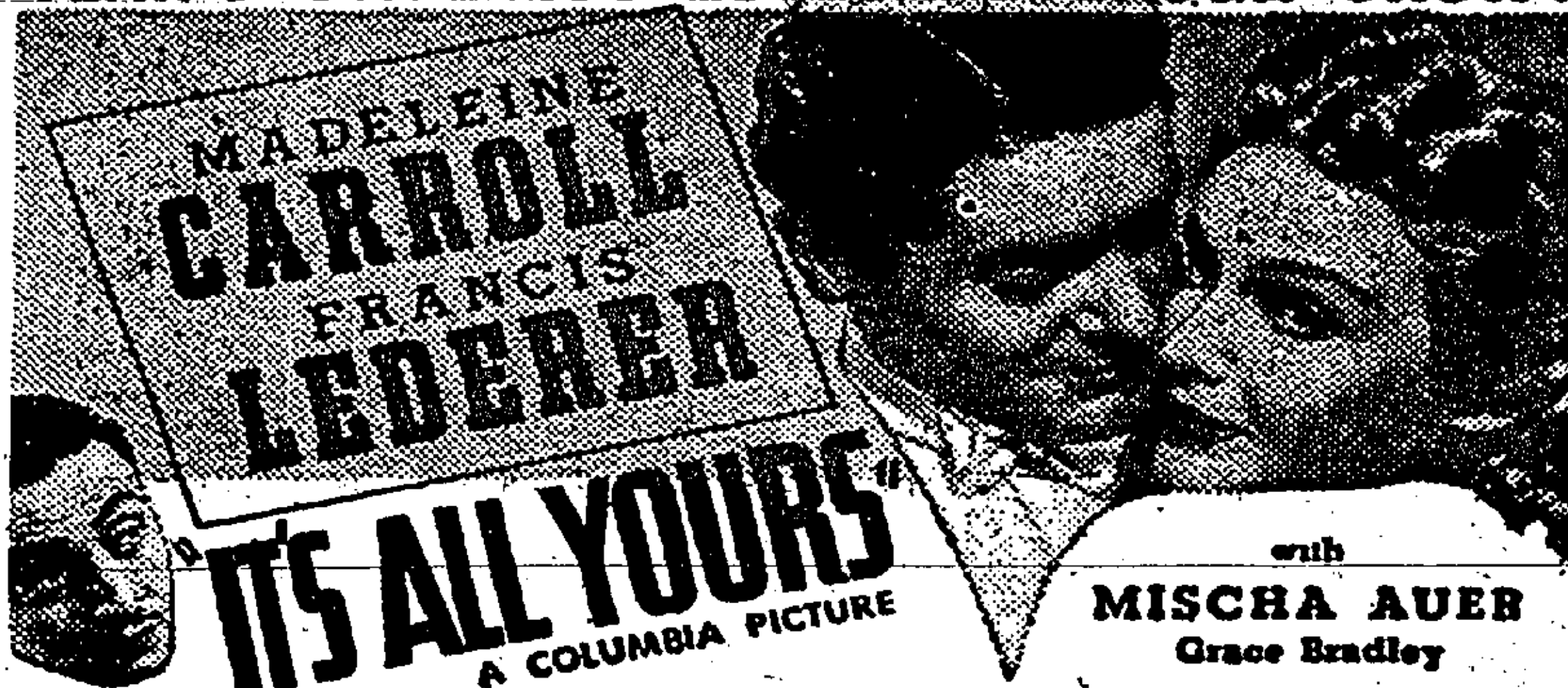
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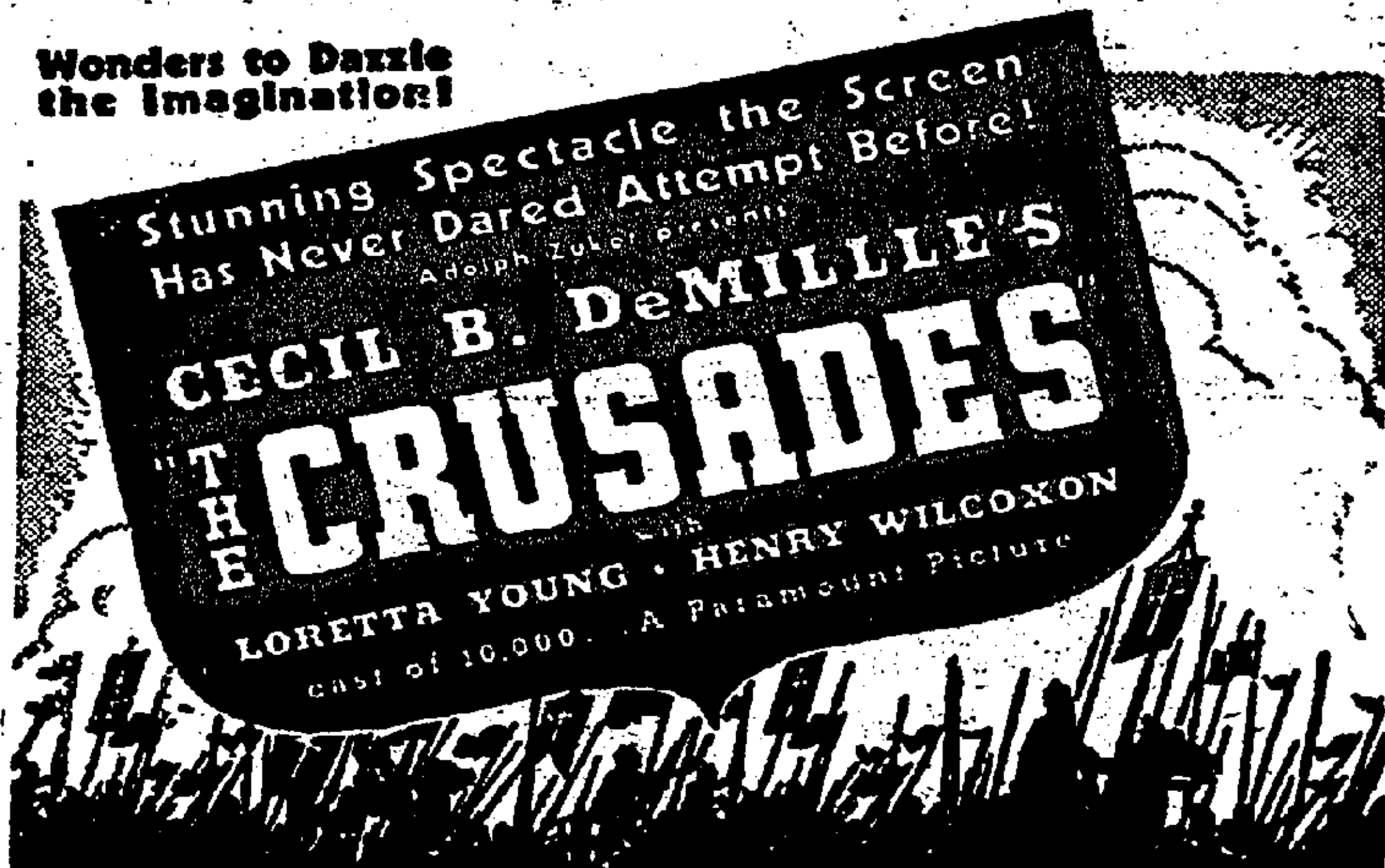
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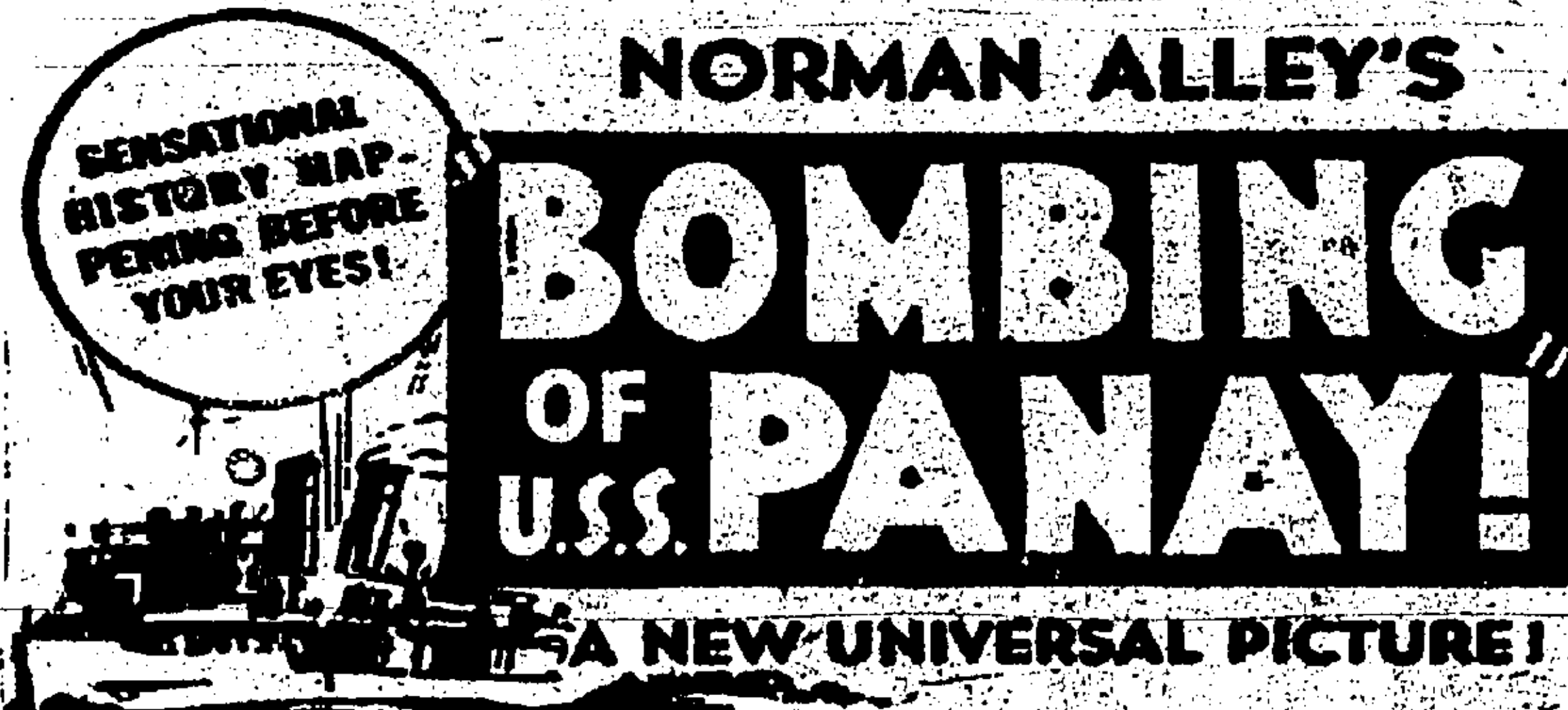
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**ONE-CENT NOTES
FOR TSINGTAO
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Shanghai, To-day.

A commission of enquiry into
banking affairs sitting in Tsingtao,
has decided that banks should open
to-day (Thursday), revealed a
Japanese spokesman.It has been decided that bank-
notes of the Bank of Chosen, the
Bank of Japan and the Bank of
Hopei are to be legal tender.From Peiping it is reported that
paper money has been issued
smallest denomination of which is
a banknote of less than one cent,
Chinese currency.—Trans-Ocean.**RUMANIA AND THE
JEWS**

Geneva, To-day.

The Rumanian Foreign Minis-
ter, M. Micescu, conferred with
the French Foreign Minister, M.
Yvon Delbos, yesterday.Rumanian measures against Jews
were the main subject of conversa-
tion.M. Micescu is said to have told
M. Delbos that Rumania was not
planning to withdraw from the
League.—Trans-Ocean.It is reported that the Rumanian
Foreign Minister saw the French
Foreign Minister yesterday morning
and is expecting to see the British
Foreign Secretary to-day.—British
Wireless.**LITTLE ENTENTE
STATEMENT**

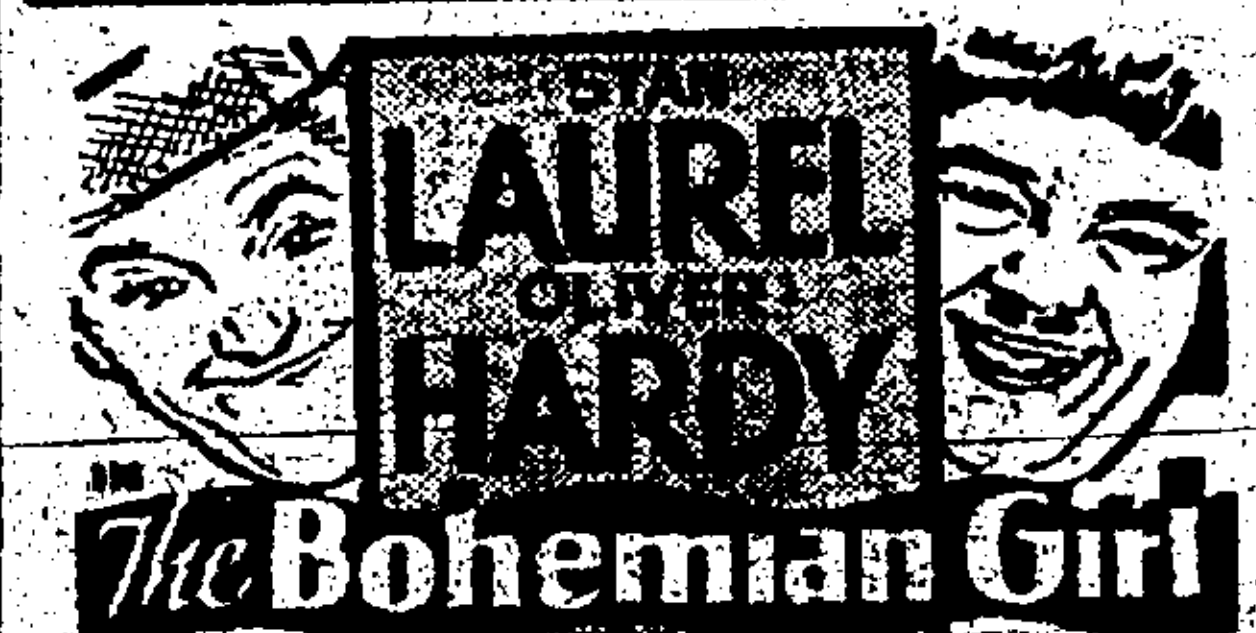
Geneva, To-day.

The Polish Foreign Minister,
Col. Joseph Beck, met M.
Micescu yesterday, when a discus-
sion took place on the declaration
to be made to-day by Rumania on
behalf of the Little Entente
powers.—Trans-Ocean.**TANK BATTALION
FOR EGYPT**

London, To-day.

The War Office has decided to send
to Egypt in the near future one
tank battalion.The measure was decided on
owing to the inadequacy of tank
equipment in Egypt.—Trans-Ocean.**CENTRAL
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RAID ON CEUTA**

Barcelona, To-day.

Republican planes car-
ried out a successful
bombing raid on Ceuta,
the insurgent harbour
in Spanish Morocco,
yesterday.Much damage was done in the
town and in military districts, and
the wharves are said to have suf-
fered heavily. One transport is
claimed to have been sunk.The raid is unique in that it is
the first time that Government
planes have carried out such a
long-distance raid. All the planes
returned safely to their base.—
Trans-Ocean.**REICHSTAG TO
MEET ON
SUNDAY**

Berlin, To-day.

The Reichstag will meet
on Sunday in the Berlin
Opera House, it being the
fifth anniversary of the com-
ing to power of the Nazi
Party.The meeting will be entirely giv-
en over to an "important political
address" by Herr Hitler.Official circles maintain secrecy
regarding the Fuehrer's speech but
say it will be "of utmost impor-
tance."Problems to be solved in the near
future, economics and foreign af-
fairs, are expected to be mainly
dealt with.—Trans-Ocean.**CATHOLIC YOUTH
ORGANISATIONS
DISSOLVED**

Munich, To-day.

It is semi-officially announced that
all Catholic youth associations of
both sexes, as well as the "New
Germany Fellowship" have been dis-
solved in Bavarian dioceses con-
formably with the law "for pro-
tection of the people and the State."Reason for the step is the old
accusation of political activities,
including alleged propaganda.—
Trans-Ocean.**GERMAN STUDY IN
AUSTRALIA**

Frankfurt, To-day.

A new expedition organised by
the German scientist, Dr. Leo
Frobenius, left for Perth, Western
Australia, yesterday.The group is headed by Dr. Petri,
specialist in 'Australian anthropo-
logy.'Main task of the expedition will
be to study the customs of three
large tribes, who have been civilis-
ed for thousands of years.—Trans-
Ocean.

MR. SUN FO REPORTED TO BE NEGOTIATING LOAN AND AID FROM SOVIET

Berlin, To-day.

A special report from its Moscow correspondent on the upshot of the Sino-Soviet negotiations, in which Mr. Sun Fo is playing a prominent part, is published by the "Voelkischer Beobachter."

The report, which is headed "Serious Growth of Bolshevist Influence in China," says that the negotiations have led to an agreement by which the Soviet undertakes to recognise Chinese sovereignty over Mongolia and to grant further loans to the Chinese Government.

The Soviet will also recognise the right of China to send a plenipotentiary to Ulan Bator, capital of Outer Mongolia. The plenipotentiary will at the same time be a member of the Outer Mongolian Government.

The strength of the Outer Mongolian army is to be augmented to 200,000 regular troops, including Soviet detachments.

TRADE CONCESSIONS

Furthermore, Russia will grant a supplementary loan of 200,000,000 roubles for purchases of war material for the Chinese army.

The Chinese Government, on its part, will undertake to grant the Soviet a series of trade concessions in China, while the number of Soviet military instructors in China will be augmented.

The report states that Mr. Sun Fo has already left Moscow. — Trans-Ocean.

ANTI-SEMITIC AGITATION

Budapest, To-day.

A lively agitation against the Jewish Liberal press is being carried out by the Association of Hungarian University Students.

For the last ten days, aeroplanes have been showering pamphlets over the capital and many provincial towns containing accusations against the Jewish press.

The Jewish Liberal press has counter-attacked with the accusation that the Association is an illegal body. — Trans-Ocean.

HIGH PRAISE FOR GENERAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Berlin, To-day.

The message to the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" from its Hankow correspondent regarding General Chiang Kai-shek's attitude towards Communism, also contained a eulogy of the Generalissimo.

The correspondent says that General Chiang's personality leaves a strong impression on all who meet him.

One is particularly impressed by the military bearing of this great man, he says.

A strong determined mouth shows his strength of will, and his expressive eyes are eloquent of power to command.

NO SIGN OF STRAIN

The Generalissimo does not betray the fact that he has been working night and day for months past.

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ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY

Ng Kwok-ping, aged 38, who was arrested following an armed robbery at No. 4 Tai On Terrace on Tuesday morning when a monk was robbed of money and clothing to the value of \$30, was this morning charged before Mr. C. B. Burgess on four different counts.

He was charged with (a) attempting to shoot a police constable in order to evade arrest, (b) with possession of a fully loaded .442 revolver, (c) with being concerned in an armed robbery with two or more at No. 4 Tai-on Terrace on Tuesday and (d) with assault at No. 250, Hollywood Road, on January 22, with intent to commit a robbery.

Sub-Inspector Whant was in charge of the case which was adjourned for 24 hours.

It is understood that the Police have arrested the other two men alleged to have been concerned in the robbery on Tuesday, who will be charged with defendant to-morrow.

FOUR MEN HELD IN ROBBERY CASE

Yui Wai and Chu Ling were, this morning, charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy with taking part in an armed robbery, No. 42 Lockhart Road on January 9, and Chui Chu-cho and Chui San, were charged with possession of two revolvers, 28 rounds of ammunition, and two daggers at No. 19, Graham Street.

All defendants were remanded for 48 hours at the request of Sub-Inspector Darkin. It is believed that the arms at Graham Street were used in the Lockhart Road robbery, when money and jewellery to the value of \$810 were stolen.

The RKO British Film, "Victoria the Great" will be shown at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres early next month.

ASTOUNDING DISCUSSION OF BRITISH ARMY AND NAVY BY JAPANESE

(Continued from Page 1)

miral Keisaburo Moriyama, (ret'd.), K.C.M.G.

VERDICT IS BRITAIN WON'T

The occasion was a meeting of six Japanese admirals and two generals, all on the retired list or in the reserve, convened by the popular Tokyo monthly "Hinode" (Rising Sun) to debate the question of what would happen. "If Britain and Japan should fight." The verdict was that Britain won't, because it lacks the desire or courage, according to the February issue of the magazine, which prints a verbatim narrative of the debate, subject to a number of deletions, translated by Reuter.

NAVY NOT PRO-BRITISH
It has been an accepted axiom among foreigners that the Japanese Army is anti-British and the Navy pro-British, but the six admirals present at this meeting seem to disprove the latter idea.

The following gives the trend of the speeches which were made in response to the magazine's desire that the Services should "enlighten the public" in connection with the impression "that the methods employed by Britain have been most outrageous and, at this rate, may end up in a war with Britain."

Rear-Admiral Uematsu said:
Vice-Admiral Moriyama (ret'd.), K.C.M.G., the first speaker, declared: "China is the ringleader, not Britain, but I think the latter is, at least, a powerful accomplice, for the hostilities would not have started had Britain not been inciting China all along."

It is only logical that Britain should assist China and obstruct Japan's actions. Britain has had it in for Japan ever since the Manchurian Incident. The manner in which Britain has been spreading throughout the world every conceivable slander against Japan, spreading propaganda ever more malignant than China itself, is all a manifestation of the British hostility toward Japan. Even the United States has been made to dance to the British tune. Britain made the greatest fuss about the Japanese bombing of Nanking but I don't think there is another navy in the world that has so scrupulously observed international law in times of war as the Japanese. . . . and Britain puts the blackest interpretations on our actions.

"WHAT MALIGNANCY"
"What malignancy! That Britain made an issue of the alleged sinking of Chinese fishing junks by a Japanese submarine is, in itself, a matter for uproarious laughter. Were they such formidable craft as to require submarines to sink them?"

"Then the British protest over the Hugeness affair. Its text might have been written by a child at primary school. How can a bullet from an air

plane wound a man inside an automobile without penetrating the roof? Entirely silly! The British idea of trying to press for eternity its interests in the Far East, especially China, is a fundamental mistake. It has been aggravated by Britain's efforts not only to maintain its interest in China but also to drive out Japan's efforts in order to obtain everything for itself.

"Should Britain fall into the pit it has dug by itself, it would only have itself to thank. Italy has gained much strength from the anti-Comintern pact. It is no longer likely to say 'yes Sir' to Britain in everything. If Britain takes issue with Italy, it must first be prepared to abandon everything east of the Mediterranean. Italy can show a strong front to Britain against the background of Japan. Without it, Italy would be uneasy."

"BRITAIN IS RINGLEADER"
"Britain is the ringleader of the China Incident," declared Lieut.-General Isami, who continued: "Since 1902 Britain has at times made use of Japan and, at other times, pushed Japan away. The Britain that concluded the Anglo-Japanese Alliance is not the Britain of to-day. To-day its status has gone down considerably and just now it is barely on the same level as Japan."

It's policy has changed so much that it is now dragging in the Soviet Union, along with the United States, for the purpose of knocking Japan on the head if Japan tries to put its finger into the pie. . . . I think the Soviet Union has been made a tool of by the British in the present affair. Britain seems a man half-sick or insane. In 1923 I came back from England with the conviction that Britain is certain to collapse in my grandson's generation. At the time of the Manchurian Incident I said Britain was going to collapse in my grandson's generation. Now my verdict is that Britain is bound to collapse in my generation because what it is doing shows it to be mad."

Rear-Admiral Uematsu declared Britain thinks it can protect its rights and interests if it can make Japan and China fight each other. "This is its reason for instigating the anti-Japanese movement. There is no one more thick-skinned than the British in world history. They think nothing of making a right-about turn in national policy, declared Lieut.-General Itami. "Thus it may even happen that at this juncture they will make their wonted about-face. Unless they do so, Britain must collapse. . . . Seeing that the British skin is so thick, I think we would be justified in taking whatever steps we deem fit, regardless of whether the British should change their policy or not."

"U. S. CAUTIOUS"
"In the present affair the United States is taking a cautious attitude, so it behoves Japan to be careful not to irritate the United States and to concentrate its attack on Britain," declared Vice-Admiral Moriyama, K.C.M.G. To a suggestion that Britain must still be giving a great deal of assistance to China, the gallant Admiral replied, "Let them! We have only to smash them all up!"

Declaring that "there is probably no country in the world that has not, at one time or another, been made a sucker of by Britain" Rear-Admiral Tama Uematsu said that, "under the circumstances, not many countries would be dragged into Britain's war if it should decide to fight Japan." Lieut.-General Itami expressed the view that, as Japan was spending enormous sums daily, the China hostilities must be settled as quickly as possible. "For my part I am all for giving Britain a painful little blow so that it will realize Japan means business," but the magazine deletes an example he mentioned when asked to be more explicit.

RIDICULOUS
Asked what might happen if Britain began to show fight Vice-Admiral Moriyama, K.C.M.G., retorted "Don't be ridiculous! There is no need to think of such an eventuality. What can Britain do to Japan, separated by 10,000 kilometres? Especially a Britain which gave in to Italy in the Mediterranean. There is Italy to be taken into account. How can Britain show any fight? Be at ease."

Vice-Admiral Masataka Ando here put in his oar. "Unless Japan peels

BRITON KILLED IN SEVERE VALENCIA RAID

Valencia, To-day.

An insurgent air raid on Valencia yesterday afternoon resulted in 125 being killed and 208 wounded. Six planes heavily bombed the port and then the town.

The casualties include Arnold Crone, captain of the small British steamer "Dover Abbey," who was killed.—Reuter.

NEW GOVERNOR OF TRINIDAD

London, To-day.

Major Sir Hubert Winthrop Young, Governor of Northern Rhodesia, has been appointed Governor of Trinidad in succession to Sir Murchison Fletcher, who has resigned owing to ill-health.

Mr. John Alexander Maybin, Chief Secretary, Nigeria, succeeds Sir Hubert in North Rhodesia.—Reuter.

off the thick skin of the British for all orientals, especially the Chinese to see, eternal peace will not dawn in East Asia by a defeat of the Chinese themselves. I think Japan must cut the power of the White races from the Far East."

Rear-Admiral Uematsu agreed. "We must do it in our own generation. It is not so much a question of whether we should hit Britain or not as one of showing ourselves ready to hit, showing that we mean business, and thereby making Britain withdraw from China. It will not do merely to hit China."

URGES "PERSISTENT PUSHING"
Asked if that meant Japan must challenge Britain now, Vice-Admiral Ando replied:

"I believe a policy of gradual and persistent pushing would be the most effective. In other words, we should turn the tables on the British by using China to dislodge British influence from China. That's the method the British have been employing all along. Victorious Japan ought not to be lacking in stratagems of this kind. We should respect fully the economic rights and interests of Britain in China and let its tradesman spirit be satisfied to the full. Meanwhile, we should bring pressure on it politically so that it will withdraw on realizing the losses it is really suffering."

As far as the British land forces are concerned, they don't count. They bathe every morning and shave very neatly. They learn to march in dancehalls. They are excellent soldiers on the parade ground with a gorgeous band playing and style improved by dancing. But they don't know the hard life of tenant-farmers and so are at a loss when it comes to digging trenches and doing other hard work. From this, I don't think that the British are a match even for the Chinese. The weakness of the British army is illustrated in the fact that during the Great War the German forces concentrated their fiercest attacks on the British front considering it to be the most vulnerable point in the Allied defence line."

JAPAN'S "ARMY STRONGEST"
"In my estimation the strongest army in the world is the Japanese, followed by the German, and I suppose the Chinese come about third."

Then quoth Rear-Admiral Sosa: "The British standing army is only about 130,000 strong. It is wholly composed of volunteer recruits. When a war comes, more volunteers are called for. But it is difficult to obtain a sufficient number of men. Few are ready to lay down their lives for their country. The British were in a quandary (in the World War). The Government tried to infuse a spirit of patriotism into the hearts of the people by various propaganda methods, but few would enlist and fight for their country. So the Government turned to sons of the privileged classes, students at Oxford and Cambridge, who are supposed to be more conscious of the traditions of their ancestors, and sent them to the front."

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Substantial Increase In Taxation Being Prepared

EVEN TRAVELLING ON RAILWAY IS TO BE TAXED

Tokyo, To-day.

Taxes on almost every conceivable thing will be increased in Japan next year under the Tax Bill, which is expected to bring the nation a further 300,000,000 yen.

The measure is being submitted for study to the Ministry of Taxation investigation committee on Jan. 30, and a few days later is being presented to the Diet.

Next year, the Japanese taxpayer will have to pay higher taxes on income, gasoline, sugar, tea, coffee, saki, a special sales tax for jewelry and luxuries, he will pay a special levy per mile for train travel, a new building levy for building a house costing more than 10,000 yen, and a special tax for theatrical shows.

Increases are being made in taxes on individual and corporate incomes on interest accruing from bank deposits and debentures and on corporate capitalisation.

Exemption from payment of taxes will, if the Diet approves the Treasury's proposal, begin at 1,000 yen annually, instead of the present 1,200 yen.—Reuter.

ABYSSINIAN HOSTILITY

Rome, To-day.

The statement of the Ethiopian Legation in London, claiming that Abyssinians were still under arms against Italy, is very strongly denied in official quarters in Rome.

It is stated that Italy is in full control over every part of Ethiopia, and it is suggested that the Ethiopian statement was designed to prevent any step by League of Nations' members in favour of future recognition of Italy's Ethiopian Empire.—Reuter.

DISTINCTION FOR DR. W. KOO

Geneva, To-day.

Dr. Wellington Koo was the only representative on the League Council yesterday who could pride himself on having attended one of the first meetings of that body many years ago.

Dr. Koo was present for the first time at the twelfth meeting of the Council in Paris in 1921.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW NAVAL BASE FOR RUMANIA

Bucharest, To-day.

Rumania has ordered a large dredge from England in connexion with construction work on a new naval base.

Seven electric cranes have also been ordered, five from Germany and two from the United States.—Trans-Ocean.

NATIONAL MOBILISATION BILL IN JAPAN

Tokyo, To-day.

The Government has explained to representatives of political parties that the National Mobilisation Bill may be submitted to the Diet next month.

The Bill, which will supersede the Munition Industry Mobilisation Act, can be invoked in wars or incidents for mobilising the whole of the national resources, both personal and national, but will not be applied to the present China incident.

The resources which can be mobilised comprise arms and ammunition, war vessels, clothing, provisions, beverages, fodder, chemicals, medicines, drugs, shipping, aircraft, rolling stock, vehicles, horses, communication apparatus, machinery, building materials, lighting apparatus, fuel, electric power, raw materials and all manner of war supplies.

The Bill also provides that the Government is empowered to restrict or suppress labour disputes, control or restrict declaration of dividends or increase in capitalisation of companies and to control the press, both domestic and news messages to abroad.—Reuter.

KING'S VISIT TO R.A.F. COLLEGE

London, To-day.

The King spent over three hours at the Royal Air Force College at Cranwell to which he flew from Sandringham yesterday morning.

He inspected the Cadet's instructional workshops and the engine and signal repair sections and lunched with the cadets in the dining hall.

In the course of the tour His Majesty met several members of the staff he had known when he served at Cranwell as an officer in the Royal Air Force in 1917 and 1918. Later, the king re-entered the aeroplane piloted by the Captain of the King's Flight and returned to Sandringham.—British Wireless.

U.S. NAVY—SUPPLY BILL

Washington, To-day.

The Senate appropriations committee yesterday approved the Naval Supply Bill amounting to \$549,227,000.—Reuter.

UNITED STATES PROTEST TO SOVIET

Moscow, To-day.

A sharp note of protest was handed to the Soviet Foreign Office yesterday by the United States charge d'affaires in connection with the detention of an American subject, Mrs. Robinson, and refusal to allow a member of the United States Embassy to visit her in prison.

It will be recalled that Mrs. Robinson and her husband were taken into custody several months ago by the G.P.U. on suspicion of espionage activities.

For some time it was impossible to discover the whereabouts of the couple, and it was not until recently that the United States Embassy was informed of the reason for the couple's arrest.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINA TO PAY INTEREST ON DOMESTIC LOAN

Shanghai, To-day.

Full interest is to be paid at the end of this month on the Chinese Government consolidated domestic loan, the "North China Daily News" learns from local banking circles.

Interest will be paid in "Wei Wah" notes, in view of the strain put on the Government's finances by the hostilities.

Interest on the Government loan is payable twice yearly, on July 31 and Jan. 31, and in spite of the hostilities, the half yearly dividend will be distributed to bondholders as usual, these circles are reported to have stated.

Interest on the loan, at 3 per cent., will amount to over \$5,000,000.

Total amount of the loan is approximately \$50,000,000.

LOCAL BANKERS

Most of the bondholders are local Chinese bankers and private individuals.

The Government's action, according to Chinese bankers, indicates that the Government's finances are in sound condition.—Reuter.

Miss V. Buchanan, passenger on the Empress of Russia, has reported, by wireless, that a suit case containing clothing to the value of \$615 was taken on board the ship yesterday afternoon and was later found missing.

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To improve nurses' conditions and give them T. U. rules would introduce an element of sordid self-interest. You would never know whether the girl was smoothing your fevered brow for love of humanity or for a bob a day, plus time-and-a-half Saturdays. And I like to be able to trust women.

Besides, nursing is women's work. It is the great privilege of women to be exploited. It puts her on a Pedestal. But the T.U.C. doesn't recognise Pedestals in lieu of wages, and we can't afford both.

Finally, nursing makes women ministering angels, and you can't be an angel under Trade Union

rules. Can you imagine a dispute in which the Committee called upon the angels to down wings? The whole thing is ridiculous.

There is a more serious aspect of the matter. Once you begin to criticise hospital conditions you are jeopardising the Voluntary System. People take the opportunity of demanding that the charity-supported institutions should be supported and controlled by the State.

It is, therefore, my purpose to show you that organised charity is a necessary adjunct to the economic system.

As those of you know who have been properly brought up, a rich man starts his future life under a handicap.

Further, in the ordinary way of business, enterprising men are frequently obliged to do things which, though necessary to the maintenance of the Empire's unfivalled prosperity, would, if judged by ordinary moral standards, disqualify a man for membership of the

Thugs' Union.

Now, it is easy to see that such things may still further prejudice a rich man's chance of eternal bliss. Fortunately, however, there has always been a way out.

For charity covers a multitude of sins. It is, therefore, safe to assume that it even covers business enterprise.

As you know, all charitable acts of a man's life are recorded and balanced against the more business-like ones. And throughout the ages, contributions to charity have been recognised as a convenient means of enabling a rich man to show a profit on his spiritual balance-sheet at the end of his financial years.

For instance, suppose a great man, by reason of foreign competition, has been compelled, solely in the interests of national prosperity, to pay his employees something less per week than would keep a cockroach in sock-suspenders, he is able, by subscribing liberally to

hospitals in later life, to bail his soul out of what's coming to it.

Time and again in our tough island story, rich and great men, captains of industry, empire-builders, and other members of the species *Homo Vampyrus*, have been able, after a life devoted to giving other people hell, to side-step their packet of brimstone by a fat cheque to a Sanatorium.

Our glorious annals are full of such profit-and-loss accounts. For instance, the other day a paper announced the 342nd anniversary of the death of Sir John Hawkins, the great Elizabethan navigator.

This great man, commonly accorded honourable mention in school history books, amassed a huge fortune in the slave-trade. He used to make raids on African vil-

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lages, burn them down, carry off the negroes he didn't kill, and sell them to Spanish settlers in America.

He was a pious man. The ship in which he carried off his negroes was called "The Jesus."

On one occasion, when the hold of the "Jesus" was crammed with negroes, half of whom died of fever, bad food and suffocation, the ship was becalmed half-way across the Atlantic. But just when things were getting desperate, a breeze sprang up and the voyage was safely concluded. So the great man wrote in his diary, "... and Almighty God, Who will not suffer His elect to perish, sent us a breeze."

In spite of his piety, however, it is doubtful whether this outstanding piece of cheese would have been able to avoid the Hot Spots on grounds of his enterprise alone.

Yet we have no fear of the ultimate destination of his immortal soul. For, in 1592, when his voyages were over, he founded the Sir John Hawkins Hospital at Chatham.

But where would such men be, speaking immortally, if, having made their wads, they were suddenly prevented from easing their consciences because the care of the sick was efficiently dealt with out of the rates?

They would be caught short. There they would stand, poor souls, with millions of pounds and a long list of exploitations, wage-cuts, slum-rents and sackings on the debit side, and not a single act of charity to cover it, all because the State had jumped in ahead of them with the alms.

They could not give their money to the poor, for that would pauperise the proletariat and upset the calculations of the Unemployment Assistance Board.

There would be no way left for them to ease their souls' burden, save by such haphazard and trivial methods as dropping a slice of it, in negotiable form, into the Christmas stockings of persons I could name.

Surely it is worth putting up with a little overcrowding and lack of equipment in one or two voluntary hospitals in order to save these men, on whom the economic stability of the Empire has so often depended, from being landed in what theologians call the Super-heated Soup?

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CHINESE DRIVE ON TSINING

Forces Now Within Six Miles Of Shantung City

Chinese Aircraft Active On Lunghai Front

Hankow, To-day.

While the situation on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway sector appeared to be practically unchanged yesterday, the violence of fighting outside Tsinning greatly increased.

Closing on the city from three sides, the Chinese have virtually completed encircling of the city, to relief of which Japanese reinforcements are being despatched.

The Chinese High Command has taken extensive measures for defence of Hsuehchow, which is an extremely important railway junction.

GERMANY BARS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Berlin, To-day.

Germany will not be represented at the Eucharistic Congress to be held this year at Budapest.

Reason for abstention is said to be the "tendency of international Catholic Congresses to adopt a hostile attitude towards the philosophical tenets of Nazism."

Alfred Rosenberg, writing in the Nazi monthly periodical, cites a recent appeal to Roman Catholics by the permanent committee of the Eucharistic Congress.

The appeal said that in these days of powerful attacks of neo-paganism, it is more necessary than ever for Catholics to prove their fidelity to Christ the King.

Herr Rosenberg also quotes a Vienna paper as saying that the "light of Christianity has been extinguished in the doctrines preached by atheistic Communist and Nazi neo-paganism."—Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE ENVOY'S ARRIVAL

Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, Chinese Ambassador to Tokyo, who left Yokohama on 20th, in the Empress of Asia, is due to arrive in Hong Kong this afternoon, did not go ashore while the steamship visited Shanghai.

Mr. Hsu's relatives are already here.

Mr. Hsu is expected to arrive at 4 p.m. and will be welcomed by many Chinese officials who are here specially to meet him including Mr. Tan Cheng, Dr. Andrew Lee, Mr. Hsu Kan, and Mr. Chen Kung-poh, the Chinese ex-Industrial Minister, who just returned from Europe.

Fifteen dead bodies have been picked up by the Police during the last 24 hours and of these five were cases of suspected small pox.

It is declared that no fewer than 40,000 rifles have been distributed among the inhabitants of Hsuehchow, and a large part of the population has been instructed in method of guerilla warfare, so that in an emergency, the Chinese troops may rely on support from irregulars.

The generals commanding on various sectors of the northern front have held a conference, presided over by General Li Chung-jen, for co-ordination of defence measures.—Trans-Ocean.

Hankow, To-day. Chinese squadrons of bombers visit the Japanese military positions in the Lunghai area at least twice a day and have caused a considerable amount of damage and loss in the establishments and troops of the Japanese.

This morning the Chinese launched a general attack on Tsinning and the battle is still continuing.—Our Own Correspondent.

FRANCO FACING BEHIND THE LINE MENACES

Paris, To-day.

Nationalist Spanish police are reported by "Le Matin," yesterday to have unearthed a widespread Communist plot to overthrow General Franco's regime.

According to the report, which still lacks confirmation, the conspirators had laid plans for striking their first blow in the region of the Spanish-Portuguese frontier.

Premature action on the part of a local group of plotters in Badajoz led to the discovery of the conspiracy which was suppressed by the action of the Nationalist garrison in this town.—Trans-Ocean.

FRESH, CLOUDY

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone remains unchanged over China, pressure being highest to the north of the Yangtze Valley. The depression has moved into the Pacific to the east of Hokkaido.

Local forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy.

SIXTY BOMBS DROPPED ON VALLADOLID

Paris, To-day.

Spanish Government planes yesterday dropped sixty bombs on Valladolid, north-west of Madrid, according to a message received here.

Many bombs fell on an orphanage, which was wrecked. Total death toll was twelve killed and forty injured, most of them, it is alleged, being women and children.—Reuter.

FRENCH DEPUTY DEBARRED

Paris, To-day.

The mandate of the Leftist Deputy, M. Guyot, was yesterday declared invalid by the Chamber by 207 votes to 106.

Election of M. Guyot had been disputed because he had been sentenced to a prison term several years ago.—Trans-Ocean.

NINE FROZEN TO DEATH IN SOUTH DAKOTA

New York, To-day.

Nine persons, including a child, were frozen to death yesterday at Crocker, South Dakota, in a severe cold wave which swept over many parts of the country.

Floods are threatening towns, villages and crops in almost every State, except New England, the Far West and Florida.

Heavy snowfalls blocked roadways, stopped trains and cut communications and power services in many parts of the country.

Forty-three degrees of frost were recorded at Alexandria, Minnesota.—Reuter.

Chan Yim-wai, 12, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday after being hit on the head by a bamboo falling from the first floor of No. 46, Staunton Street.

Dispute Over Mosque Ownership Decided In Sikhs' Favour

Lahore, To-day.

A lengthy dispute over ownership of a mosque between Muslims and Sikhs in Lahore was settled in the High Court of India yesterday, when the appeal of the Muslims claiming ownership was dismissed.

The Mosque originally belonged to the Muslims but was disused and was taken over by the Sikhs.

The majority verdict of the Court says that the Sikhs have become owners by virtue of their occupation of the Mosque for twelve years, while the minority maintains that as the Mosque was originally dedicated to Mohamed, it remains a Muslim Mosque for all time.

It is expected that the case will be taken to the Privy Council.—Reuter.

IRONIC FEATURE OF AIR RAID

Madrid, To-day.

An ironic feature of the Spanish insurgent air raid on Barcelona was that a bomb scored a direct hit on a prison containing insurgent prisoners, two of whom were killed.—Trans-Ocean.

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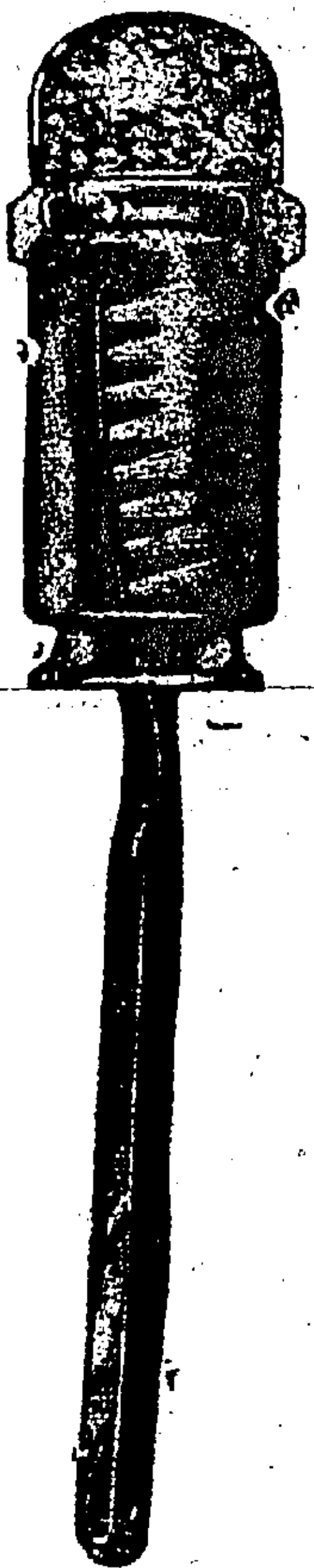
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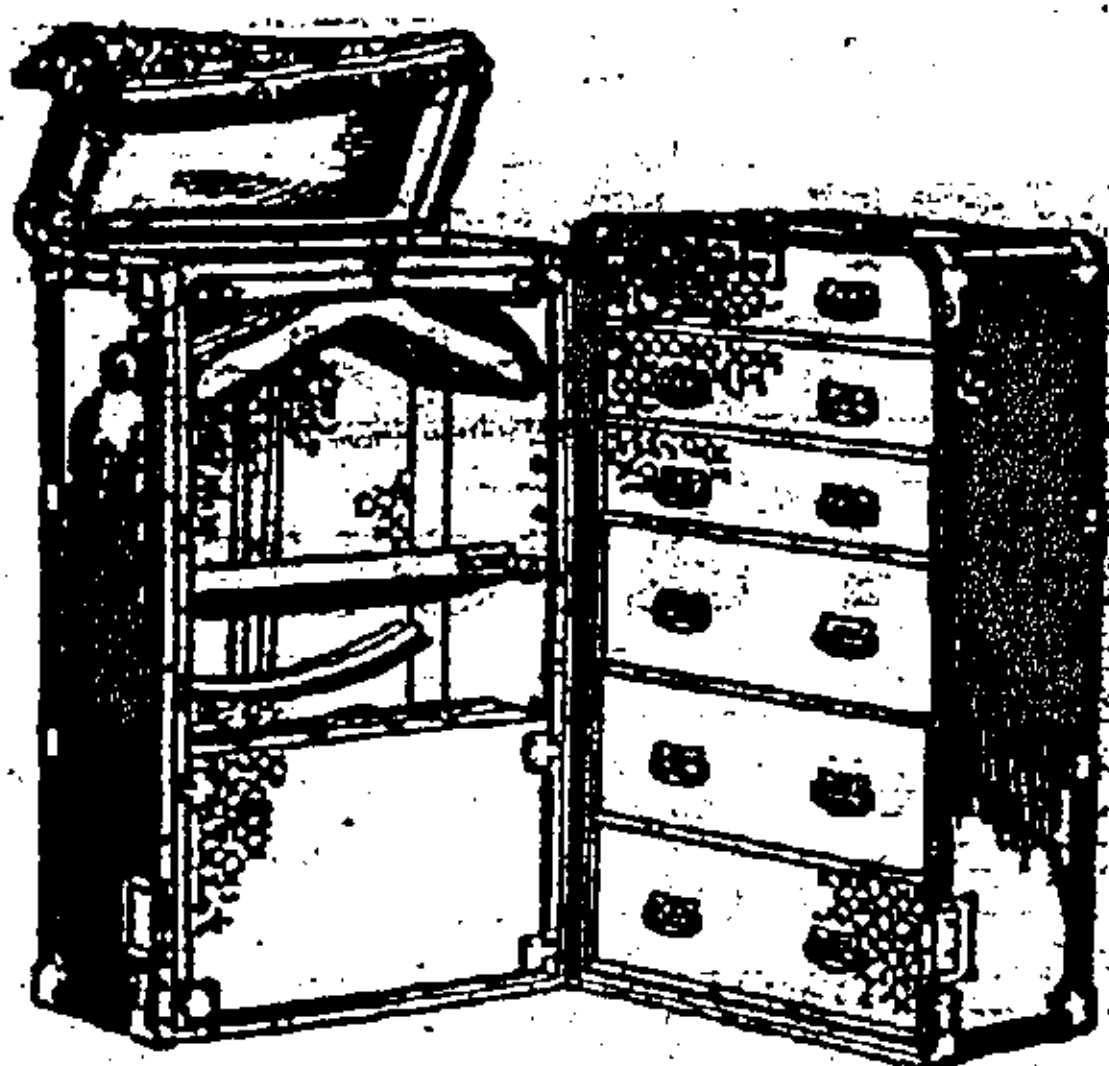
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MR. EDEN AND THE LEAGUE

These are days when, in international politics, the incredulous seems to be the normal and the logical the least to be expected. Hence no great surprise was occasioned by the suggestion in certain London quarters that Britain was prepared to ally herself with France in a scheme for whittling away the League Covenant and converting the League of Nations into an odd sort of institution designed to allow politicians to let off steam, but having no powers or functions beyond those associated with an advisory capacity. The conference between Mr. Anthony Eden and M. Delbos in Paris has disclosed that the prophecy had evolved from the wish-father-thought-process, and that happily, there is as yet no intention by either Britain or France of abandoning the League principle or consenting to its sacrifice on the altar of so-called realities. It would be foolish to contest the argument that with four of the world's major Powers outside the League, its practical influence is appreciably lowered . . . and that self-reliance has become ever more important to those nations who still believe in the League principle. Nevertheless, unless we are prepared to resign ourselves to the conviction that the madness besetting the world is incurable — except by the letting of blood in a final frenzy — the ideal represented by the League must be preserved.

There are, after all, other sides to its work than dealing with political aberrations which — because the preservation of the outward appearance of a kind of peace has seemed more important than the defence of international justice — have caused so much disturbance and injured the League's prestige. Disaster is news; success seldom is. That explains the fact that whilst all the world knows of the failure of the League Powers to take concerted action to

stop aggression comparatively few know of the very successful work of a humanitarian nature which the League is carrying on nor of the remarkable success which has attended the activities of both the International Labour Organisation and of the Permanent Court of International Justice even in these depressing days. The Court has dealt with over fifty cases since it was first created in 1922 and in every single instance its decisions have been respected by the parties to the dispute. When the Court meets shortly it will find three cases awaiting it. It has also a domestic question confronting it and that is the election by the League of a Judge to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. Hamerskjöld. Judging by the great number of candidates for the position, some of them world famous, one would say that the Court's prestige never stood higher than it does to-day. This is an encouraging fact in days when respect for treaty obligations is at a discount.

The importance of an issue of this kind, when placed in juxtaposition with, say, the League's actions concerning the Japanese invasion of China, is a matter dependent largely upon the individual point of view. All in all, however, it does tend to show that, despite the activities of civilisation's destructive forces, there is still a preponderant belief in arbitration as the most satisfactory means of settling international disputes. The only alternative to final acceptance of that viewpoint is war and civilisation's eclipse.

Better Use For A Surplus

Of the curious miscellany of mutually unrelated matters dealt with in the Unemployment Insurance Bill, published in London recently, much the most important is the amendment of the existing statutory provisions for the disposal of the surplus in the Unemployment Insurance Fund. There is outstanding against the Fund a debt of £100,000,000 contracted in 1930-31, which is being paid off by a statutory annual interest and sinking fund charge of £5,000,000, calculated to extinguish it in 1971. Under the present law the Minister is empowered to apply any surplus in the Fund to the further reduction of the debt, but only on the basis that the redemption date is thereby advanced and that the annual charge of £5,000,000 continues to remain as before.

This arrangement has the obvious disadvantage that any benefit to the Fund accruing from the use of its surplus for the reduction of the debt is deferred for something like a quarter of a century. For example, the effect of so applying £10,500,000 would merely be to advance the redemption date from 1971 to 1965. The purpose of the amendment is to enable the annual charge to be reduced instead of advancing the date of redemption, so that any benefits will be immediate. Thus, a debt reduction of £10,500,000 would now have the effect of reducing the annual debt charge from £5,000,000 to £4,500,000, and the saving of £500,000 could be devoted to the advantage of the present beneficiaries. There can be no doubt about the desirability of this change in the law.

JAPANESE SCARE ON SOVIET'S ACTIVITY

The "China Mail" And Knickerbocker Revelations

TOKYO GOVERNMENT STILL APPALLING DEATH RATE IN REFUGEE CAMPS

BRITISH TROOPS IN ACTION

Jerusalem, To-day.
Following increased lawlessness in the Hebron district, British troops began "cleaning-up" operations yesterday.
They are combing all villages in Hebron for arms.
Brigadier H. C. Harrison, who was with the British troops in China from 1935 to 1937, is directing operations.—Reuter.

GERMANS IN SOUTH AFRICA

Berlin, To-day.
The question of Germans in South Africa is again raised by the "Diplomatic Correspondence," mouthpiece of the German Foreign Office.
The paper says that the "astonishment" caused in Germany by the attitude of the League Mandates Commission to the petition of South-West African Germans has not passed unnoticed in Geneva.
The paper accuses the Commission of being partial to Britain and with not having examined the question fairly.—Trans-Ocean.

VISIT TO POLAND

Warsaw, To-day.
Admiral Horthy, Regent of Hungary, is expected to arrive in Cracow on Feb. 15 on an official visit to Poland.—Trans-Ocean.

Complete Japanese Withdrawal From China Demanded

Hankow, To-day.

"Unless Japan ceases armed aggression against China and withdraws her naval, land and air forces from Chinese soil and territorial waters, China will continue to resist," declares a manifesto issued by the Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association.

The manifesto continues: "If Japan really desires peace, she should immediately withdraw her fighting forces from China, and let a third party group of foreign countries mediate in order to secure a fundamental solution of Sino-Japanese problems."

"As far as peace is concerned, China does not expect much. Her only condition is that her territorial integrity and political independence must be respected."

The manifesto rejects Japanese demands that China join the anti-Comintern bloc, that North China become autonomous, and that Inner Mongolia declare its independence.

CONFIDENT OF NON-INTERVENTION

Tokyo, To-day.

The reported anxiety of the Japanese regarding Soviet military activities (reported by the London "Daily Telegraph" correspondent in Tokyo) appears to be exaggerated.

The Japanese Government's fundamental policy seems to be based on the fact that the Soviet has not, so far, taken an aggressive part in the Sino-Japanese conflict, and therefore is unlikely to do so.

The press campaign against Russia has arisen, it is believed, in the absence of "hot news" from China, where the military situation has come to a standstill and the Japanese leaders evidently are in a quandary regarding the next step to be taken to achieve the avowed purpose of crushing China.

As a result, it is necessary to distract public opinion.

The fact that the Japanese press is under instructions to "cut down" on anti-British propaganda, which important circles realise was getting out of hand, and that there are standing orders not to criticise the United States, leaves the Japanese press lacking in "circulation raisers," with the exception of the Soviet scare.

This has been built up on revelations appearing in the

"China Mail" in Hong Kong by a foreigner who had just concluded a tour of the Soviet Far Eastern territories, and who claimed that Japan's reports of Russia's war preparations were not exaggerated but rather actually fall short of the truth.

KNICKERBOCKER STORY

Another factor which has helped to build up the Soviet scare in Japan is the account of his recent visit to Vladivostok by Mr. Knickerbocker, of International News.

Meanwhile, the "Hochi Shimbun" continues to carry scare headlines, and sates that the Soviet is absorbed in strengthening its Far East defences "with an understanding with Great Britain, the United States and France."

BRITAIN'S LAST CARD

The newspaper continues by stating that Britain's last card is the demonstration against Japan by the military expansion programme of these four Powers.

In this connection it adds: "Joint land, air and naval manoeuvres are being held by Britain at the Singapore naval base."—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

The appalling death rate among refugees being cared for by the International Relief Committee is reported to be due to the severity of the cold weather and the low vitality of the destitute men, women and children whom the Committee are sheltering.

The death rate has risen to such high figures that now no less than seventeen and a half times more deaths are recorded than in warmer weather.

Statistics show that children succumb easiest in the bitter cold weather, as 60 per cent. of the dead are under 16 years of age.

Highest percentage of death is among those over 50 years of age, accounting for 22 per cent. of the total.—Reuter.

10,000 DEAD IN 25 DAYS

Shanghai, To-day.

The bodies of over 10,000 Chinese refugees who had died of starvation, were, according to reliable reports, found in Shanghai streets between January 1 and January 25, and were buried at the expense of charitable organisations.

Of the bodies found, some 7,500 were those of children and young persons.

During the same period, over 4,000 bodies were found in the French Concession. In all cases death, was due to starvation.—Trans-Ocean.

R.A.F. NURSING SERVICE

London, To-day.

A body of fully trained and State-registered nurses is to be recruited as a reserve to Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service.—British Wire-ess.

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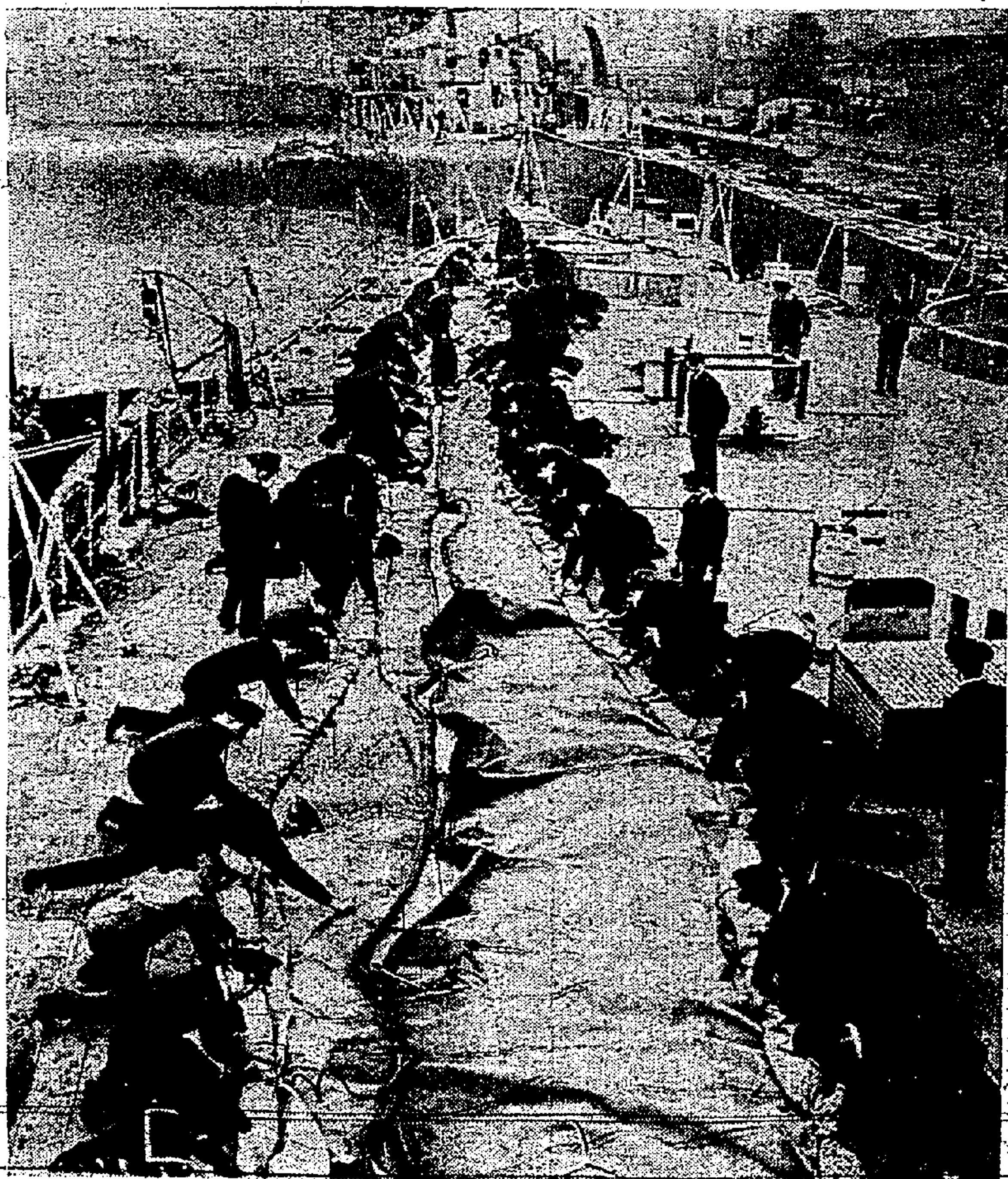
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The Minister for War, Mr. Hore-Belisha, flew from Hendon Military aerodrome to Londonderry, Northern Ireland on January 12 on a visit to inspect troops and defences. Photo shows—Mr. Hore-Belisha studying maps before leaving Hendon. With him are Squadron Leader H. K. Good, D.S.O. (in white overalls) and Wing-Commander Buxton, O.B.E. (Copyright: By Air Mail).



H.M.S. Vindictive left Chatham Naval Dockyard on January 12 on her second cruise as a training ship for cadets. They will be under the supervision of picked officers of the British Navy. The Vindictive will proceed to the West Indies, and the cruise includes a visit to Barbados. Photo shows—The cadets busy furling the awning on the quarter deck—one of the last tasks before leaving for a warm climate. (Copyright: By Air Mail).

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Decision Not To Recognise Ethiopia Conquest

Paris, To-day.

The Premier, M. Camille Chautemps, referring to his talks with Mr. Anthony Eden and M. Yvon Delbos, told newspapermen last night that Britain and France would make a joint declaration at Geneva showing their similarity of viewpoint on questions dealt with in their Paris talks.

It would not be an identical declaration, but separate declarations which would supplement one another and would show Franco-British trust in the League.

It is rumoured that one question food supply, and the Swedish delegate reported on the Sanjak of Alexandretta.

The Council approved an appropriation of 350,000 francs for research work undertaken by the Rockefeller Foundation.

The appointment of the Argentine delegate, Senor Podes Costa, as Under-Secretary of the League, was confirmed.—Trans-Ocean.

MR. EDEN MEETS COL. BECK

Geneva, To-day.

Much importance is attached here to conversations yesterday evening between Mr. Anthony Eden and Col. Joseph Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, on the problem of reform of the League Covenant.

Mr. Eden is reported to have told Col. Beck that he did not consider that the question of League reform was yet ripe for treatment, but Col. Beck replied that Poland could not consent to individual states making declarations of their own binding all states of Europe regarding certain definite plans for the future of the League.

Any kind of general declaration on the League's future, he said, could only be made after all States had participated in its preparation.—Trans-Ocean.

NO DEFINITE PLAN

A number of discussions took place between representatives of the various powers yesterday afternoon and evening in preparation for today's public session of the League Council.

Neither the British nor French Foreign Ministers brought with them prepared manuscripts for their declaration on reform of the League Covenant.

Mr. Anthony Eden's programme, it is said, is to work without definite plan, since it will first be necessary to know the views of other States, especially those of the Scandinavian countries, before it will be possible to make definite proposals likely to command general approval.—Trans-Ocean.

MANY POINTS UNDER DISCUSSION

London, To-day.

Yesterday's London newspapers comment extensively on the Franco-British talks in Paris.

The "Daily Telegraph" place the subjects of discussion under the following headings:

The Anti-Comintern Pact and its effects on the situation in the Mediterranean and the Far East,

Germany's colonial demands,

The Van Zeeland Report,

The wish of the smaller States to see the Italian King recognised as Emperor of Ethiopia,

Reform of the League,

The spread of anti-Semitism in southern Europe, and

The protection of minorities.—Trans-Ocean.

COUNCIL MEETS

Geneva, To-day.

The one-hundredth session of the League Council opened at 11 o'clock yesterday morning with the Iranian delegate, Mostafa Adel, in the chair. The session lasted about an hour.

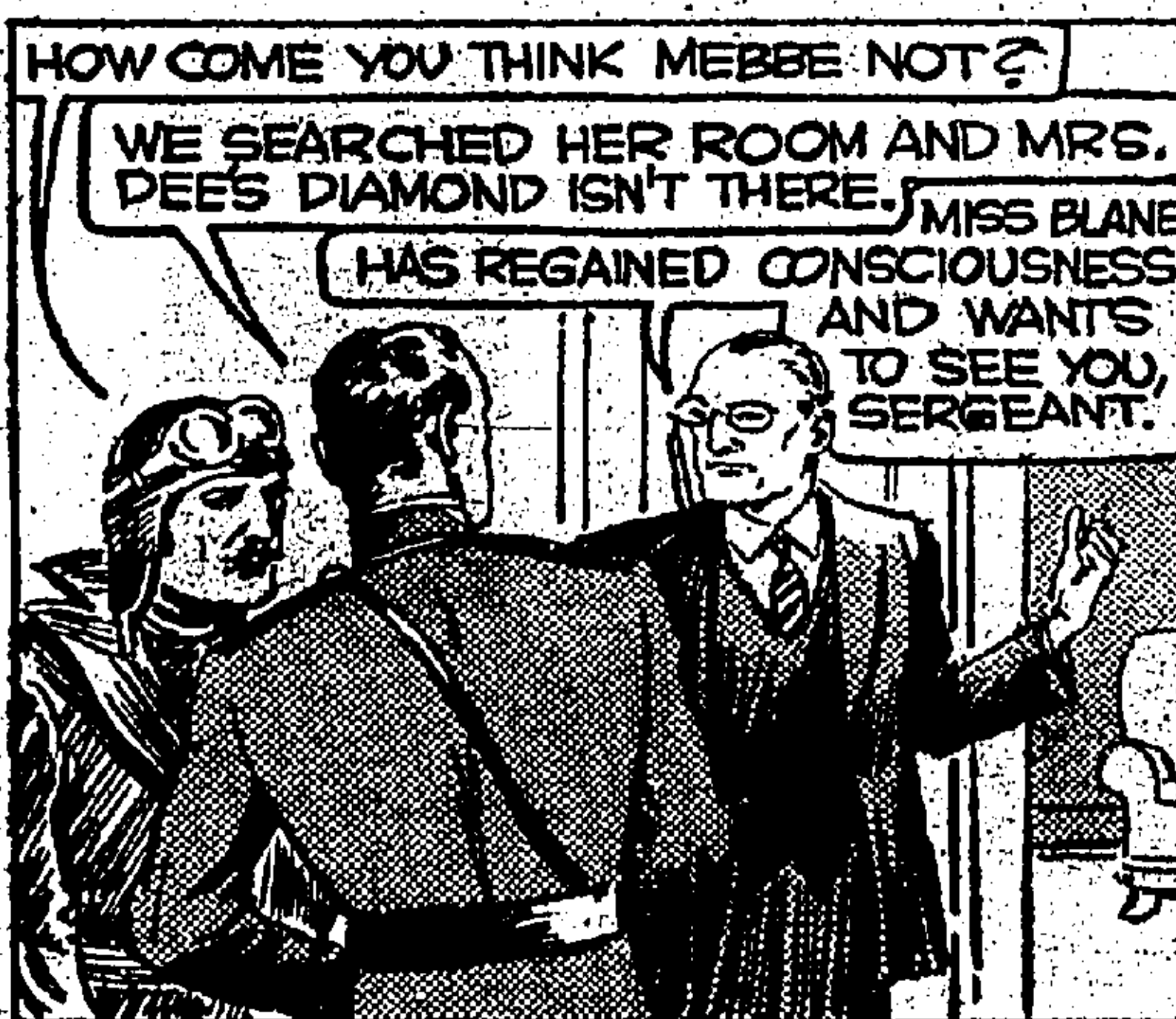
The public sitting of the Council will be held this afternoon.

A communique issued yesterday said that the French Foreign Minister, as Rapporteur for the question of protection of international art treasures, proposed that debate on this subject be postponed till the May session.

MINOR MATTERS

The Belgian Foreign Minister read the Report on international

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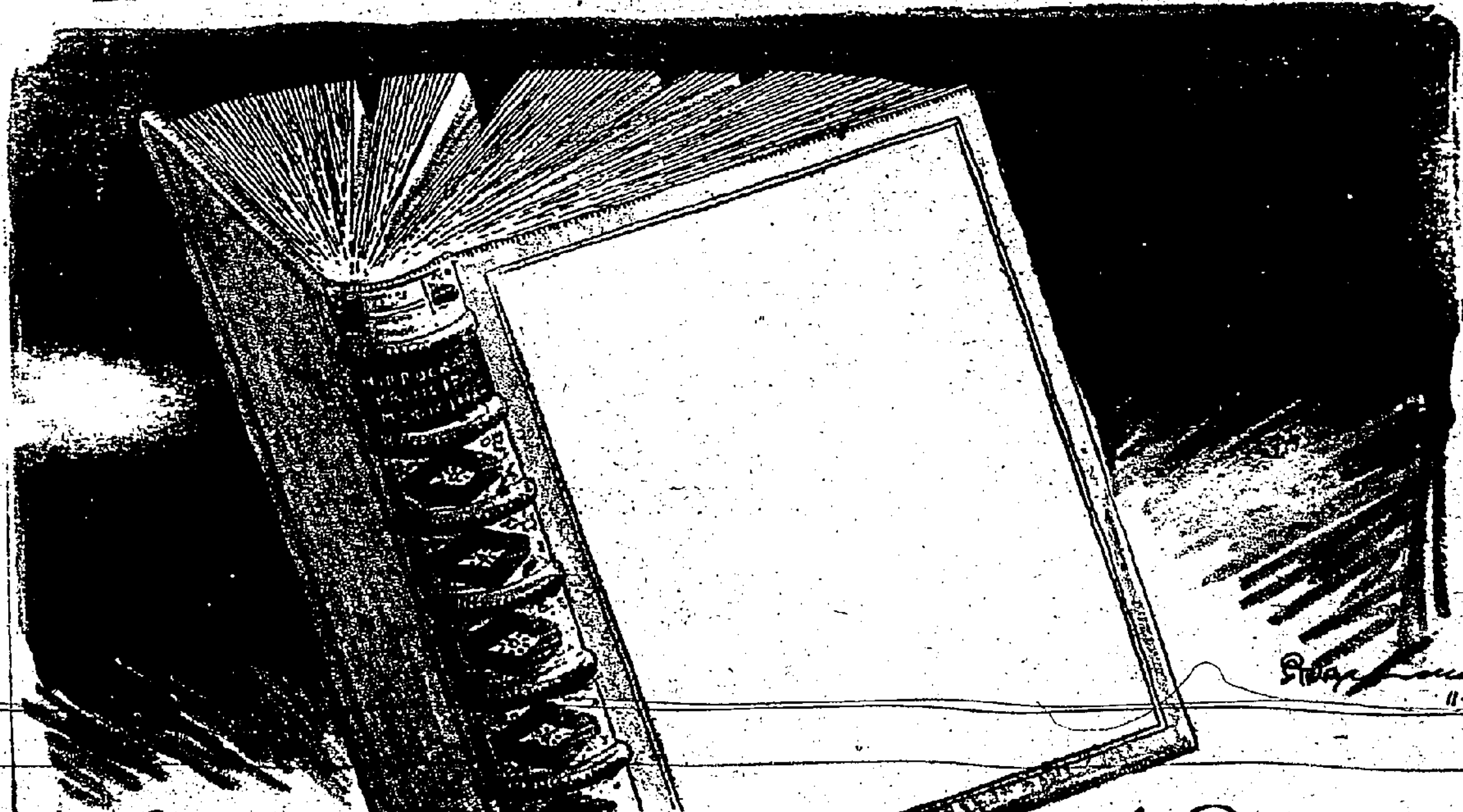


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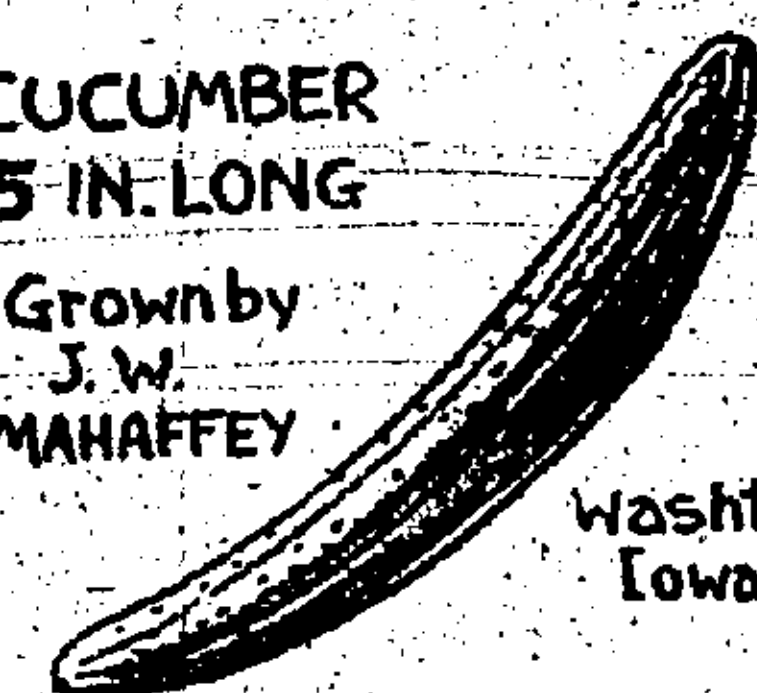


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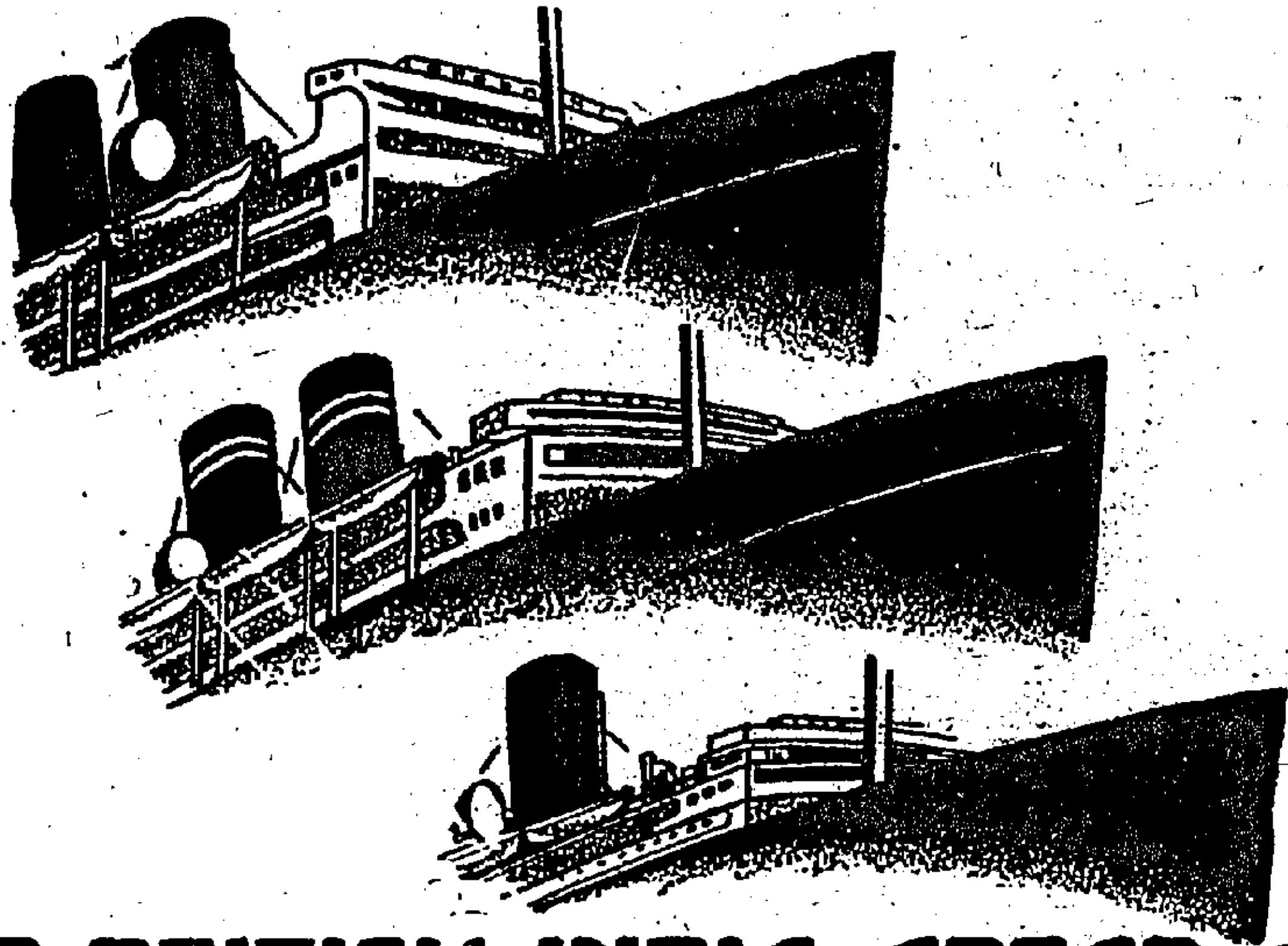
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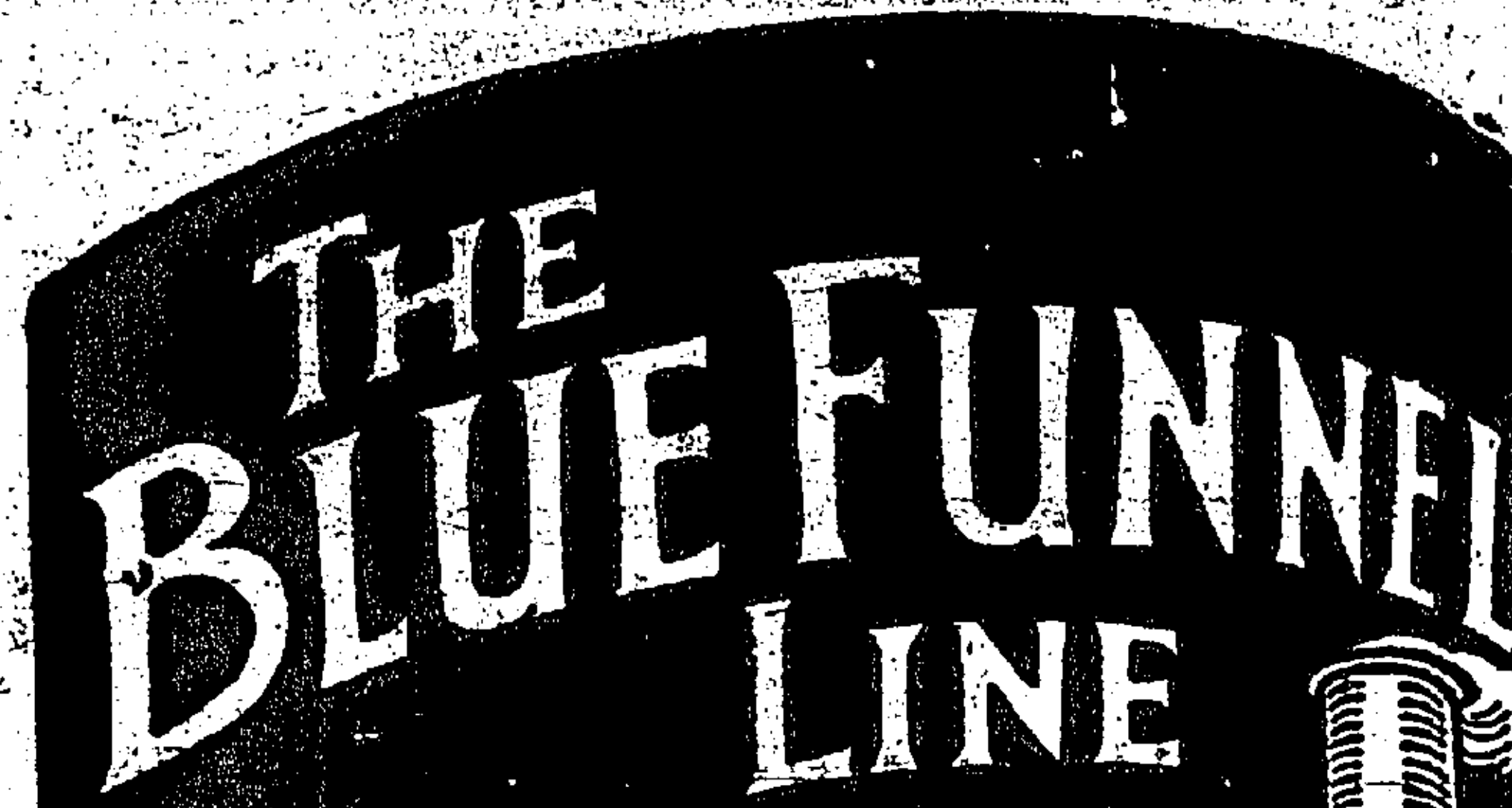


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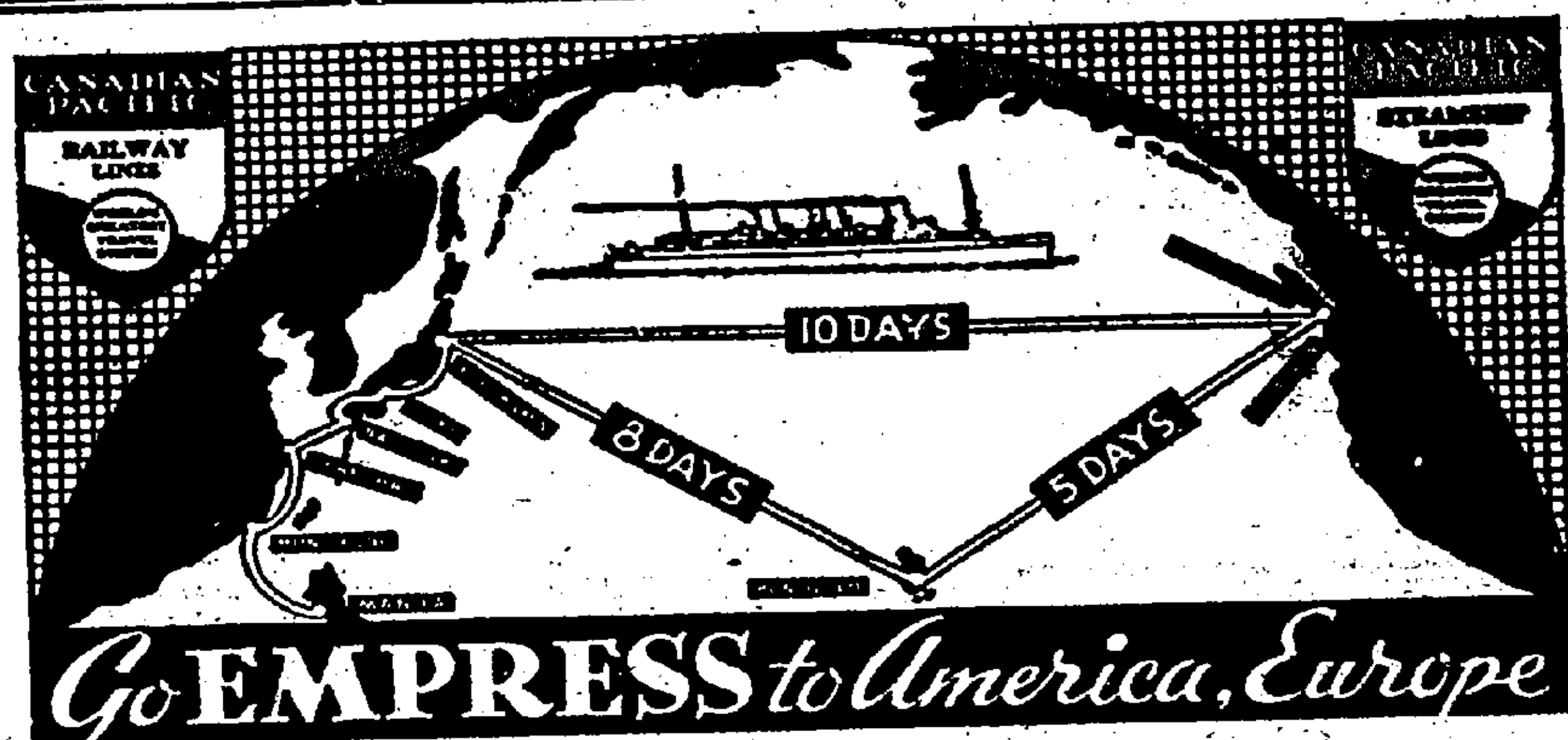
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AUSTRALIA ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

London, To-day.

The High Commissioner for Australia and Mrs. Bruce, the Governor of South Australia and Lady Duggan and the Agents-General for the various States of the Commonwealth attended a service at the Church of St. Clement Danes, in the Strand, yesterday to commemorate the establishment of the first settlement in Australia, Port Jackson, Sydney, by Captain Arthur Phillip, R.N., on January 26th, 1788.

The service was conducted by the Very Reverend P. A. Micklem, Provost of Derby and formerly Rector of St. James's, Sydney.

Wreaths were deposited in the Church of St. Mildred, Bread Street, in the City "to the glorious memory of Admiral Arthur Phillip" by the Lord Mayor of London, Viscount Wakefield, Alderman of the ward of Bread Street in which Admiral Phillip was born in October, 1738, the Australian High Commissioner, the Agent-General for New South Wales, representing the Government and People of that State and the Lords Commissioner of the Admiralty as well as the Royal Australian Historical Society.

The Australian High Commissioner and Mrs. Bruce held a reception in the afternoon at Australia House.

HISTORIC EXHIBITS

In connection with the anniversary, a number of documents of outstanding historical interest have been placed on exhibition in the Museum of the Public Records Office. On view is the log of H.M.S. Sirius, principal of the original convoy, open so as to show the entry for January, 26th, 1788, also Governor Phillip's Dispatch of May 15th, 1788, in which he writes of his choice of situation and the naming of it.

There are two maps of 1788, one of Sydney Cove and the other of the whole of Port Jackson.

There is also a list of stores required drawn up in 1791.—British Wireless.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1485 b., \$1490 sa.
Bank of East Asia \$82 b.

INSURANCES

Canton Ins. \$260 s.
Unions Ins. \$502 sa.
China Underwriters \$1.40 b.

SHIPPING

Douglases \$57½ b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS,
ETC.H. K. and K. Wharves \$116½ b., \$117 sa.
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Antamoks Ps. 57 sa.
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Demonstrations Ps. 41½ sa.
I. X. L. Ps. 64 sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. 20½ sa.
San Mauricio Ps. 57 sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. 18½ sa.
United Paracales Ps. 48 sa.

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Peak Trams (Old) \$6½ b.

Peak Trams (New) \$3½ sa.

Star Ferries \$86½ sa.

Yaumati Ferries \$24 b.

China Lights (Old) \$10.60 b., \$10.80 sa.

H. K. Electrics \$54½ b., \$54½ sa.

Telephones (Old) \$25.80 b., \$25.80 sa.

Telephones (New) \$8.60 b.

INDUSTRIALS

Canton Ices \$1.70 s.

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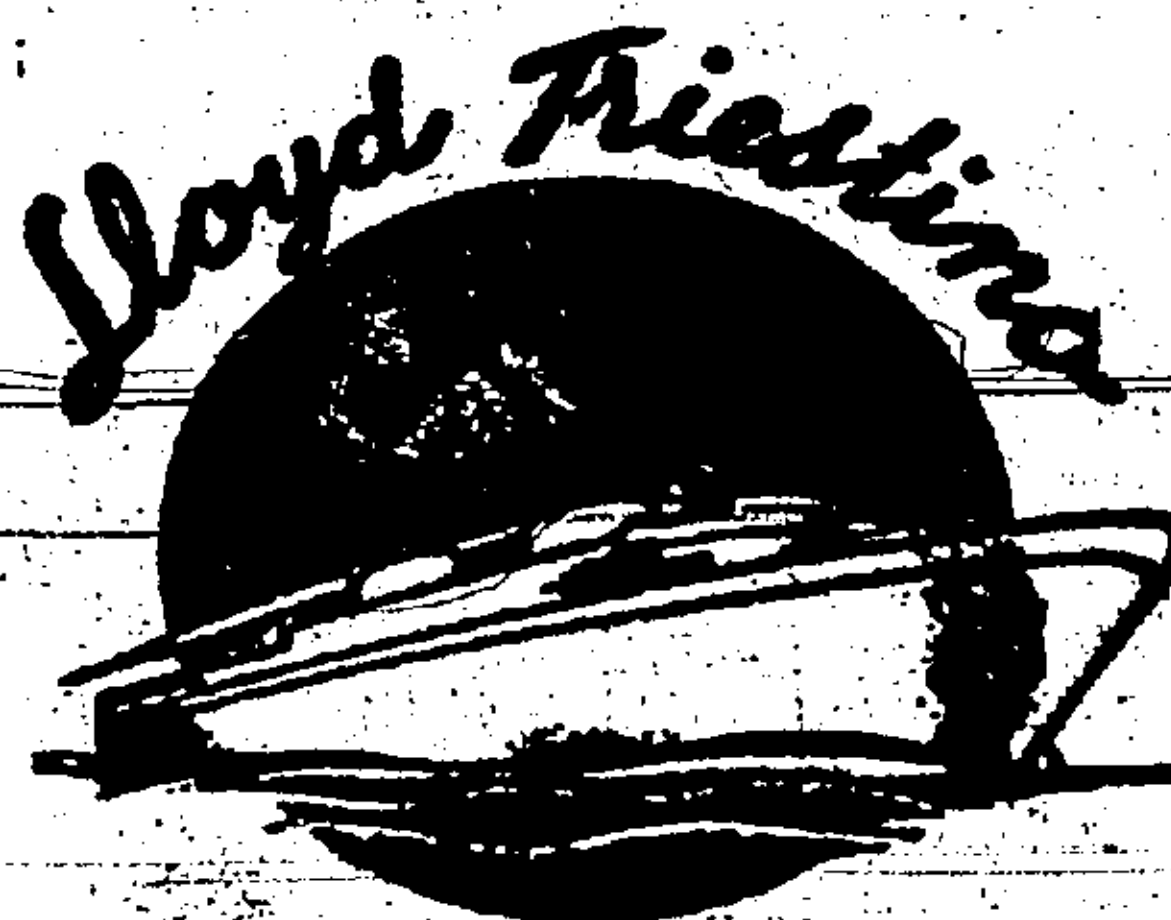
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s.s. "Conte Biancamano"	20th Mar.
s.s. "Conte Rosso"	3rd Apr.

HONG KONG TO SHANGHAI

s.s. "Conte Rosso"	28th Jan.
m.v. "Victoria"	11th Feb.
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London, To-day.

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The "Ensign" is the first of 14 giant airliners under construction by Armstrong Whitworth at Hamble, some of which will go into service on Empire routes and others on the European routes worked by Imperial Airways.

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These fourteen monoplanes represent a capital investment by Imperial Airways of approximately £750,000. —British Wireless.

CUTS IN EGYPTIAN LAND TAXES

Cairo, To-day.

At a Cabinet Council yesterday, proposals by the Finance Minister for reducing taxes levied on small peasant holders were approved.

The reductions vary from 20 to 50 per cent., and will affect about three-quarters of Egyptian landowners.

The measure will undoubtedly produce favourable results for the Government at the next elections. —Trans-Ocean.

WALL STREET SLIDES UNDER BUSINESS SCARE

New York, To-day.

Wall Street yesterday was badly upset by the apparent divergence in views between the Government and American business interests.

Selling was heavy, the final list recording losses ranging from \$1 to about \$6 in a turnover of 1,610,000 shares.

Selling was seemingly initiated by President Roosevelt's stand against reductions in wages, which has aroused doubt in regard to prospects of profits coupled with recent dividend cuts and omissions. —Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2%.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 20½ and forward at 19-15/16.

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KING FAROUKH AT COTTON CONGRESS

Cairo, To-day.

King Faroukh opened the International Cotton Congress in Cairo yesterday, driving into the capital from his country estate, where he is spending his honeymoon.

In the evening he attended a ball given in honour of the delegates and their wives.

Forty-one nations are represented at the Congress, including Japan and Argentina. —Reuter.

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STOKE LOSE CUP REPLAY AT HOME

WOLVES' LEAGUE
TRIUMPH

SCOTTISH CUP REPLAYS

London, To-day.

Several F. A. Cup Fourth Round and Scottish Cup First Round replays were held yesterday, the Spurs liminating New Brighton, while Manchester United beat Barnsley by an only goal.

Probably the most amazing result was Stoke's home defeat, at the hands of Bradford, by the odd goal in three. Liverpool also entered the Fifth Round by an only goal-victory.

In the Scottish Cup, Partick were much too good for Stranraer, winning by 8 clear goals, while Arbroath lost at home to St. Johnstone.

WOLVES' TRIUMPH

Several English League matches were also held, the Wolves securing another away victory, this time at the expense of Blackpool, whom they beat by two clear goals, while two goalless draws were also featured.

Results as cabled by Reuter, were:

F. A. CUP (FOURTH ROUND REPLAYS)

Tottenham	5	New Brighton	2
Manchester U.	1	Barnsley	0
Stoke	1	Bradford	2
Liverpool	1	Sheffield U.	0

SCOTTISH CUP (FIRST ROUND REPLAYS)

Arbroath	1	St. Johnstone	3
Partick	8	Stranraer	0

FIRST DIVISION

Brentford	3	Everton	0
Bolton	2	Huddersfield	0
Leeds	1	Grimsby	1
Middlesboro'	0	Portsmouth	0
West. Brom.	0	Charlton	0
Blackpool	0	Wolves	2

SECOND DIVISION

Plymouth	1	Chesterfield	1
Notts. Forest	1	Burnley	1

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Swindon	1	Bournemouth	0
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THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

York	4	Chester	0
Lincoln	4	Bradford C.	0

—Reuter.

SCOTTISH CUP Revised Draw

The following is the revised draw for the Second Round of the Scottish Cup, to be played on or before February 12:

Aberdeen v. St. Johnstone.
St. Bernard's v. King's Park.
Partick v. Cowdenbeath.
Lambert Amateurs v. Morton.
Stenhousemuir v. Motherwell.
East Fife v. Dundee United.
Celtic v. Nithsdale.
Raith v. Edinburgh.
Rangers v. Queen O'South.
Queen's Park v. Ayr.
Falkirk v. St. Mirren.
Hamilton v. Forfar.
Ross County v. Albion R.
Kilmarnock drew a bye.—Reuter.

FIFTH ROUND REVISED DRAW

The following is the revised draw for the Fifth Round of the F. A. Cup, to be played on February 12:

York v. Middlesbrough.
Luton v. Manchester C.
Charlton v. Aston Villa.
Arsenal v. Preston.
Sunderland v. Bradford.
Brentford v. Manchester U.
Liverpool v. Huddersfield.
Chesterfield v. Tottenham.—Reuter.



The Rajputana Rifles' Battalion Hockey team, above, won the Inter-Section Tourney for the Army last Sunday by beating the K.I.T.C. (Civilians) by 2 goals to 1. ("Mail" photo).

St. John's Virtually Assured Of Junior Championship

FINE BALANCE CARRIES THEM THROUGH AGAINST CLUB DE RECREIO

(By "ADREM")

UNLESS something very unexpected happens, St. John's are now almost certain to win the Junior League badminton title as the result of their wins over Kowloon Tong last week, and again by 6 games to 3, over Recreio, at King's Park, last night.

THEIR BIGGEST THREAT IS FROM C. R. C., WHICH TEAM HAS LOST TWO GAMES. IF THEY BEAT ST. JOHN'S — AS THEY DID IN THEIR HOME MATCH — AND AGAIN SURMOUNT A FORMIDABLE OBSTACLE IN KOWLOON TONG, WHOM THEY WILL MEET AWAY, THIS TEAM MAY YET QUALIFY FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF PLAYING OFF.

St. John's were fortunate last night, in that Roland Koh, one of their finest players of last season, who is now resident in Canton, was down for the Chinese New Year holidays and turned out in partnership with Norman Smith.

Koh played an extremely good game after a tentative start and figured on the right end of the scores in two games, including the formidable Silva brothers among his victims.

Recreio gave a much better display than the score indicates. Except for one brief period in their first game, when Charlie Silva was unfortunate enough to strike himself a painful blow on the nose with his knee when going for a difficult shot, the Silva brothers played very well.

"C. N." was his usual brilliant self and covered about three-quarters of the court, while "J. N." although he lost a number of points through over-keenness, was nevertheless fairly effective.

OVERHEAD LAPSES

Alves and Noronha played very well to beat Smith and Koh and only succumbed to G. A. Smith and Keown after a tense battle which was "setted" before the St. John's pair, profiting by numerous overhead lapses by Alves in the crucial moments towards the end of the game, emerged victorious to give their side the victory with the match score then standing at 5-2.

Soares, who partnered Pereira, after he has settled down, played some very pretty shots and worked very hard indeed but he could never work up a combination with his partner, who was also responsible for some good work.

BETTER BALANCE

St. John's won because of their better balance. G. A. Smith and Keown probably played the best

ENTRY LIST CLOSES TO-MORROW

Players intending to enter for the Colony Badminton Championships are requested to send in their entries to Mr. A. L. Fisher, Hon. Secretary of the H.K.B.A. as soon as possible as entries close to-morrow (Friday) at 6 p.m. Up till the moment no entries have been received!

constructive badminton, although both made numerous mistakes, especially in their game against Alves and Noronha, when a fast shuttle completely upset them.

Koh was good all-round while Norman Smith played some extremely delicate cross drops which more often than not caught his opponents napping. He would do well, however, to concentrate more on a speedy game and make more use of his really powerful smash and hard drive. If he keeps his head, young Norman should go a long way in the badminton world.

ATTACK v DEFENCE!

Kwok and Bennitt as usual, concentrated on defence and these methods carried them to such success as they achieved. C. N. da Silva's sustained aggression proved too much for them in their final game, however, as consistent aggression will always.

In view of the fact that they will probably be playing in the Senior League next season, they would be advised to work up some semblance of an attack while they have the opportunity.

M. M. de V. Soares and C. C. Pereira (Recreio).

CLUB AND RAJPOTS SHARE TWO GOALS

BATES SHINES IN
DEFENCE

(By "STICKS")

A fast but scrappy hockey game was witnessed at King's Park yesterday when the Hong Kong Hockey Club and the Rajputana Rifles shared two goals after the Club had led at the interval by a goal scored by S. A. Fowler.

There was too much wild swinging of sticks by the defences on both sides to make the game attractive, although the spoiling was good and both sets of forward lines experienced great difficulty in breaking through the opposing defences.

Pritam Nath and Saval Khan were in very deadly form yesterday and only the bustling display of Wallace prevented them from breaking through for scores.

BATES SHINES

Bates gave a great display for the Club at right-half, and together with Willy Reed, in the pivotal berth, took the honours of the day. The Club attack was a disjointed one and the line was very rarely seen in a concerted movement. Divett worked very hard in the centre-forward berth, but found the Rajputs centre-half too good for him.

Whitely and Bickford were also very dangerous anywhere near the circle, while Fowler and Bond played very well on the right and left wings, the latter getting some lovely reverse-stick centres across the Rajputs' goalmouth, but there was nobody there to apply the finishing touch.

Fowler scored in the first half, converting a centre from Bond, while Saval Khan equalised when E. V. Reed failed to clear the ball off his goalline during a melee.

FREE LANCES MIXED DOUBLES BADMINTON VICTORY

Kowloon Tong Lose
6 Sets To 3

Playing at home yesterday evening, the Free Lances had no difficulty in beating the Kowloon Tong Club by 6 sets to 3 in their Mixed Doubles Badminton League encounter, J. L. Anderson and Miss Madge Griffiths conceding only 17 aces in their three encounters.

Scores were:

J. L. Anderson and Miss M. Griffiths (F. Lances):
beat R. E. Lee and Mrs. D. W. Wagstaff 21-7
beat A. W. da Roza and Mrs. Castro 21-6
beat K. S. Ko and Mrs. Roza 21-4
A. L. Fisher and Mrs. Clark (F. Lances):
beat Lee and Mrs. Wagstaff 21-5
beat da Roza and Mrs. Castro 24-20
beat Ko and Mrs. Roza 21-7
S. W. Clark and Miss McCaw (Free Lances):
lost to Lee and Mrs. Wagstaff 14-21
lost to da Roza and Mrs. Castro 15-21
lost to Ko and Mrs. Roza 18-21

lost to G. A. Smith and A. Keown 16-21
lost to R. Koh and N. L. Smith 17-21
lost to F. H. Kwok and A. J. Bennitt 10-21
J. N. da Silva and C. N. da Silva (Recreio):
beat Smith and Keown 21-18
lost to Koh and Smith 17-21
beat Kwok and Bennitt 21-9
E. A. R. Alves and H. A. Noronha (Recreio):
lost to Smith and Keown 20-24
beat Koh and Smith 21-17
lost to Kwok and Bennitt 16-21

THRILLING CRICKET LAST SUNDAY

Volunteers Beat Police, But Only By One Run TOMMY HUNTER BATS STOLIDLY STOKER BOWLS STEADILY

(By "ADREM")

I remarked last week that although the Volunteers should win their whole-day match against the Police last Sunday, the celebrated Police hospitality might conceivably prove too much for them.

As it happened, the Defence Corps won by a single run and the narrowness of their victory could not be attributed to Police efforts off the field, although, as usual, these were as hectic as ever.

The "Custodians of the Law" are to be congratulated on their extremely fine performance against a side which were infinitely more powerful on paper and, a victory for them would not have been against the run of the play.

The weather was well-nigh perfect when Anderson and Baxter opened for the Volunteers for whom McKenzie had won the toss, against the bowling of Pope and Baker. With only a few runs scored, Baxter snicked one from Pope which Hunter just failed to hold amid the terrific roar which went up in appeal for a catch at the wicket.

Thereafter both went along quietly, scoring occasionally off Baker's short stuff, but finding Pope very difficult to get away. After he had pulled Baker to the leg boundary on several occasions, Baxter was well beaten by a really good ball from Pope, which bowled him neck-and-crop.

HELD SIZZLING DRIVE

Joined by Mackay, Anderson continued to bat in a sedate manner, treating the bowling strictly on its merits. He eventually jumped out to drive Pope and the latter held a sizzling return, which was never more than six inches off the ground.

Souza, who succeeded, was evidently determined to score rapidly off everything. He paid the penalty when he attempted to hit one of Danbrowsky's donkey-drops out of the ground and was held by Loughlin, at cover.

MACKAY MISSED

Meanwhile, Mackay, who had been scoring steadily in front of the wicket, had a terrific beat at a length ball from Baker and hit it straight into the air. Any one of four policemen could have got to the catch, but each waited for the other to move with the result that the ball fell right into the middle of them with no one making any attempt at it.

Griffiths always looked comfortable, except against Baker, but after scoring a quick 20, was caught by F. Booker off Carey. Teddy Fincher, having just completed a tennis match, filled the breach and at the outset was far from comfortable. He kept his wicket intact until lunch, however, and the adjournment was made with the scoreboard reading 140 for 8, of which Mackay had claimed 48.

HIT ANYTHING

After the interval, Mackay com-

I. CORINTHIANS BEAT SINGAPORE CHINESE

Singapore, To-day.
The Islington Corinthians yesterday defeated the Singapore Chinese by 5 goals to nil.
Sherwood, of Reading, scored all five goals.—Reuter.



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In view of the inconsistency of the Club's batting in recent matches, the news that H. B. Neve, their former brilliant opening batsman is returning at the end of the week, should prove particularly welcome. Neve, who has been stationed in Canton for the whole of the current cricket season, will now be in the Colony indefinitely.

pleted his 50 off a full-toss from Pope and thereafter hit at anything, putting Pope over the screen, at the Civil Service end, and then hitting Baker for a four. He nibbled at one from the latter soon after and was caught by Loughlin, in the gully, for a hard-hit 61.

Teddy Fincher, who was now well set, continued to score steadily by means of straight drives and square-cuts, and, when McKenzie declared at 214 for 8, he was 39 not out.

A STRANGE MIXTURE

Pope had bowled fairly steadily throughout and Baker was responsible for a strange mixture of very good spells and very bad ones although, on the whole, his good spells predominated.

Carey and young Booker opened for the Police and went away like a house on fire. Carey was in a devastating mood and smote good and bad bowling with equal facility, much to the consternation of Souza and Anderson. After the telegraph boy had had a busy 20 minutes altering the board, Carey was beaten by a perfect ball from Stoker, which shattered his stumps.

TOOK NO CHANCES

Booker was never convincing, but stayed in quite a while, finding the boundary on numerous occasions with mishits. Hunter, determined to make up for a long series of failures, took absolutely no chances and presenting a straight bat to anything which had him worried in the slightest and waited for the loose ones before making any effort to score.

Joined by Loughlin, who adopted similar methods, the Volunteer bowling could make little or no impression, and neither batsman ever looked like getting out. With something like 150 on the board, with only two wickets down, it looked



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any odds on a Police win, but following the dismissal of Loughlin, by Griffiths, who held a beautiful running catch about an inch off the ground, Volunteer prospects looked somewhat brighter.

"CUNNING STUFF"

Pope scored 13, but F. E. Booker hit a long-hop from Griffiths straight into Madar's hands, at cover, and the I.G.P. after hitting a couple of very pretty fours, was caught by Baxter off Madar, who was bowling some very cunning stuff, in which length balls, long hops and full-tosses were mixed up with great judiciousness.

When Police were still some 30 runs short of the mark, and time for drawing was rapidly approaching, McKenzie arranged to extend time for another 10 minutes to enable a definite decision to be reached.

TENSE MOMENTS

Hunter was now scoring steadily, but when the last over was called, with Weir the last man in, four runs were still required for a win. Hunter cut the first ball from Stoker for a single and, amid a tense silence, broken only by the rhythmic knocking of Weir's knees, three more balls were played, off the third of which, Hunter called a sharp bye. With two balls with which to score two runs, Hunter took a terrific swipe at the first he received, and mowed it round to leg where Ainslie brought off a really brilliant, if somewhat unexpected catch, with everybody scanning the boundary to see where the ball had landed.

A dramatic finish to a really fine game.

DID REALLY WELL

Stoker bowled really well throughout and was unfortunate on numerous occasions with balls which just shaved the sticks. Madar also did very well, and made full use of his opportunity to bowl by taking three cheap wickets.

Except for the closing stages of the innings, the Volunteer fielding had been very scratchy, and for this reason they deserved to lose. Police had also been rather lax in this department.

SMALL UNITS RUGBY TRIUMPH OVER CLUB "A"

Needham's Fine Game For Winners

The Combined Small Units Rugby fifteen secured their third victory over the Club "A" fifteen yesterday at the Valley by three goals (15 points) to a goal and two tries (11 points).

The Small Units were a man short and C. F. Needham, the Club first fifteen second row forward, agreed to fill in the vacancy, displaying a fine turn of speed as a wing-threequarter and scoring two grand tries.

Hynes was the pick of the Club backs, but was not given enough support. The Small Units' pack more than held their own, quick heeling and sound work behind the scrum resulting in several splendid back movements.

NEEDHAM SHINES

Needham scored two grand tries in the opening half, both of which were converted by Attoe and the Small Units led at the interval by 10 clear points.

In the second half, the Club retaliated with a try through Desmond Hynes, but Henderson failed with the goal kick. Soon after Watts broke through for another Club score, but once again Henderson failed to convert. The Small Units, however, placed the issue beyond doubt when Attoe scored a good try adding the goal points and just before the final whistle, Taylor added to the Club's tally with a try near the posts, which Oliphant improved upon.

PING PONG LEAGUE

Charity Competitions

Election of officials of the Hong Kong Ping Pong Association was held at the Confucian Club, Hollywood Road, last night, when the following were elected: Mr. Chung Wing-kwong (President), Mr. Li Tat-hung (Vice President), and Messrs. Ho Chun-tak, Yee King-kwong, and Mak Tak-wing (Secretaries).

It was decided to extend the closing date for entries to the Charity League to February 7.

The tournaments are open to players of all nationalities, and it is hoped that entries will be received from the Clubs and Associations in the Colony.

Entries may be sent to Mr. Yee King-kwong, of Kelley and Co., Ltd., Chung Nam Building, second floor.

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LINDRUM'S CHALLENGE UNACCEPTABLE

The challenge issued by Walter Lindrum to any professional in the world to meet him for the title during the Sydney celebrations is unacceptable to Joe Davis, holder of the English championship.

"I went to Australia a year or two ago," said Davis, "and when I returned home I was on the wrong side financially. If the governing body in Australia give indications that they will guarantee financial success for the English player going out, the idea may be considered."

SEQUEL TO WINDSOR RACE INCIDENT

(By HOTSPUR)

London, December 21. There was a sequel yesterday to the reporting of the apprentice, C. Moore, by the Windsor Stewards to the Stewards of the National Hunt Committee for his riding of Vanvitelli in the Boveney Hurdle last Thursday.

It will be recalled that Vanvitelli was beaten a neck by Terror, both apparently being hard held from the last hurdles. The Windsor Stewards called upon Moore to explain his riding of Lord Harewood's gelding and, not being satisfied with his explanation, reported him to the higher authorities.

Yesterday Moore was fined £5 by the Stewards of the National Hunt Com-

mittee and reprimanded. The sentence is fair enough, although I cannot help thinking it was hard luck on Moore.

Owing to weather conditions and subsequently interrupted telephonic communication in the Wroughton district, where Vanvitelli is trained, the gelding and Moore arrived at Windsor too late for the apprentice to walk round the course, over which he had never ridden before.

It was not unnatural, therefore, that when Moore saw Terror, who was in front of him, apparently being hard held in the run-in, he thought it could not possibly be the end of the race, and this accounted for his riding.

FRENCH FEDERATION'S TENNIS MOVE

As a means of keeping a closer watch on the movements of leading amateur players, the French Lawn Tennis Federation has proposed the adoption of record cards.

All players must possess one of these cards, and the secretaries of whatever tournaments they play in must fill in details. By this means it is hoped to avoid any possible violation of the rule permitting travelling and living expenses to be paid for a period of 42 days in one year.

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FOOTBALL FORM GUIDE

Comprehensive Table Shows Form At A Glance

A comprehensive guide to the form of all Clubs in the four premier English Football Leagues and the premier Scottish League will be found in the appended table. To assist in comparing the teams, details of how they fared in their last five matches are given.

The letters W, L, and D indicate matches won, lost and drawn respectively. Games played at home are shown in capital letters, while away games are denoted by ordinary type. The figures in brackets denote the position held by that team at the conclusion of last season, an asterisk denotes that that team has been promoted and a dagger that that team has been relegated.

HOME													AWAY												
FIRST DIVISION													Goals Pts. TL												
	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.										
Brentford (6)	dWWDw	25	13	8	2	3	28	16	19	12	5	4	3	15	15	13	32								
Wolves (5)	lwdwW	22	11	7	0	4	23	7	18	11	4	5	2	11	19	10	28								
Leeds (19)	WWIDl	24	13	8	1	4	26	15	20	11	1	5	5	13	23	7	27								
Arsenal (3)	IIWWl	24	11	7	2	2	16	16	13	4	6	3	17	22	11	27									
Bolton (20)	wldWL	24	12	6	3	3	24	17	15	12	3	3	6	13	17	12	27								
Preston (14)	DlDdW	24	13	7	1	5	24	11	19	11	2	5	4	16	17	8	27								
Charlton (2)	WWWdW	22	12	7	2	3	23	11	17	10	2	2	6	12	13	10	27								
Sunderland (8)	dWdlW	24	12	8	2	2	14	12	18	12	2	7	3	14	16	7	25								
Stoke (10)	LWDDw	24	12	6	1	5	28	8	17	12	2	8	2	11	15	8	25								
Chelsea (13)	LldDd	24	12	7	1	5	28	8	17	12	3	7	2	11	15	8	25								
Huddersfield (15)	wldlL	24	10	7	2	1	16	9	15	14	3	8	3	16	26	9	24								
Derby (4)	dWLlw	24	12	5	3	4	25	18	14	12	3	5	4	13	28	10	24								
Birmingham (11)	DDDDd	24	13	4	1	8	22	16	16	11	1	5	5	12	14	7	23								
*Leicester (-)	IWLwl	24	12	6	4	2	21	13	14	13	3	7	2	14	29	8	22								
Middlesbrough (7)	LlWWl	23	12	7	2	3	27	20	17	11	2	8	1	16	25	6	22								
Manchester C. (1)	lILlW	22	11	8	2	1	26	14	17	11	1	7	3	16	25	5	22								
Grimsby (12)	DlDld	24	12	4	4	4	13	19	12	12	1	5	6	13	21	8	20								
W. Brom. (16)	lLDLd	22	11	4	5	2	20	21	10	11	4	5	2	19	24	10	20								
Everton (17)	IIWlW	24	12	7	8	2	29	17	16	12	1	9	2	11	26	4	20								
Liverpool (18)	dWdDl	23	11	4	6	1	20	19	9	12	3	5	4	13	20	10	19								
*Blackpool (-)	wWIWl	25	12	8	5	4	15	17	10	13	3	6	2	17	25	8	18								
Portsmouth (-9)	WWdWd	24	18	8	3	5	5	21	19	11	11	2	6	3	13	28	7	18							

HOME													AWAY												
SECOND DIVISION													Goals Pts. TL												
	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.										
Sheffield U. (-) WWdIW	25	13	11	1	1	28	12	23	12	4	6	2	19	19	10	33									
Aston Villa (9) wwWdW	24	12	9	1	2	27	6	20	12	5	4	3	13	14	13	33									
Coventry (8) IDWIW	24	13	8	1	4	20	8	20	11	4	2	5	19	16	13	33									
Bradford (20) WwLLW	23	12	7	1	4	26	12	18	11	3	3	5	8	14	11	29									
†M'chester U. (-) lWwIW	23	11	7	2	2	26	13	16	12	4	4	4	14	31	12	28									
Chesterfield (15) lIWIL	24	11	6	3	2	22	15	14	13	4	4	5	17	19	13	27									
Burnley (13) DWIW	25	13	7	2	4	21	7	18	12	2	6	4	14	24	8	26									
West Ham (6) DDDIW	24	14	7	2	5	25	18	21	10	0	5	5	9	14	5	26									
Tottenham (10) WwLLW	24	11	8	1	2	24	9	18	13	3	9	1	18	25	7	25									
Norwich (17) IDWI	25	12	8	1	3	25	20	19	13	1	9	3	18	38	5	24									
*Luton (-) DWIW	24	11	6	2	3	28	16	15	13	3	8	2	18	27	8	23									
†Wednesday (-) wDWdW	25	13	6	4	3	17	14	15	12	2	6	4	12	20	8	23									
Bury (3) lWlwl	23	12	6	4	2	17	12	14	11	3	6	2	12	17	8	22									
Barnsley (14) lWlW	25	11	6	3	2	20	11	14	14	2	8	4	14	31	8	22									
Notts. F. (18) Wlwl	24	12	7	3	2	18	12	16	12	1	8	3	11	21	5	21									
Blackburn (12) IDWI	24	12	6	1	5	29	21	17	12	1	9	2	15	28	4	21									
Southampton (-) DDWI	24	13	6	2	5	27	17	17	11	2	9	0	12	33	4	21									
Stockport (-) DdLl	24	11	5	3	3	14	11	13	13	2	8	3	14	29	7	20									
Newcastle (1) lWDDI	23	12	6	3	3	24	7	15	11	1	7	3	15	19	5	20									
Swansea (16) dDDI	25	13	5	4	4	16	12	14	12	0	8	4	10	29	4	18									
Fulham (1) lWlW	24	12	4	3	5	25	17	12	12	2	8	2	17	21	6	18									
Plymouth (3) IldWW	24	11	5	4	2	21	20	12	13	1	9	3	11	28	5	17									

HOME													AWAY												
THIRD DIVISION SOUTH													Goals Pts. TL												
	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.										
Watford (4)	d	W	w	D	w	25	12	7	2	3	30	11	17	13	5	4	5	12	17	15	32				
Queen's P.R. (9)	I	W	L	d	W	25	12	7	2	3	18	8	17	13	5	4	4	22	15	14	31				
Notts. C. (2)	W	I	W	I	W	23	11	6	2	3	15	8	15	12	6	4	2	14	10	14	29				
Cardiff (17)	I	W	W	d	W	23	14	10	0	4	44	19	24	9	1	5	3	6	17	5	29				
Southend (10)	I	W	I	W	I	W	24	13	10	1	2	22	8	22	12	3	8	1	16	29	7				
Reading (5)	d	d	W	W	W	24	11	9	2	0	22	17	18	13	2	4	7	19	23	11	29				
Bristol C. (15)	w	W	I	W	w	22	11	8	0	3	21	6	19	11	2	6	3	9	16	7	26				
Brighton (3)	w	W	W	I	d	23	13	10	1	2	22	8	22	10	1	7	2	10	23	4	26				
Millwall (8)	I	I	D	d	W	22	9	5	1	3	21	10	13	13	4	5	4	13	14	12	25				
Bournemouth (6)	D	d	D	W	W	23	13	5	0	8	21	7	18	10	3	6	1	10	16	7	25				
Crystal P. (3)	I	d	L	d	W	23	10	7	1	2	23	16	16	13	2	7	4	12	21	8	24				
Mansfield (-)	w	D	W	W	d	23	12	7	1	4	21	8	18	11	1	7	3	6	18	5	23				
Northampton (7)	I	W	I	W	W	23	10	5	3	2	13	8	12	13	5	7	1	17	27	11	23				
Swindon (13)	I	D	L	W	I	23	11	7	2	2	19	9	16	12	1	7	4	9	16	6	22				
Newport (18)	D	L	W	I	W	24	10	6	2	2	18	8	14	14	1	8	5	10	29	7	21				
Exeter (20)	I	D	W	L	W	23	12	6	5	1	25	17	13	11	2	5	4	10	17	8	22				
Torquay (19)	d	D	d	W	L	24	12	6	5	1	15	17	13	12	2	7	3	9	28	7	26				
Bristol R. (14)	w	I	W	I	W	24	13	5	2	6	17	14	16	11	1	8	2	10	23	4	26				
Aldershot (21)	I	W	W	D	W	22	12	5	4	3	14	14	13	10	3	6	1	10	19	7	22				
Clapton (12)	I	I	D	I	W	24	12	4	4	4	14	15	12	12	2	8	2	11	18	6	21				
Walsall (16)	I	W	D	d	L	24	14	7	6	1	22	23	15	10	9	8	2	9	19	2	21				
Gillingham (11)	I	w	L	d	D	22	10	3	4	3	6	14	9	12	1	10	1	9	27	3	1				

Children's Hour From the Studio

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of a service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Ibert—Escapes—Orchestra Des Concerts Straram. Conducted by Walther Straram.
12.47 p.m.—Light Orchestral Music. Gounod in Vienna (Arr. G. Walter). Orchestre-Raymonde.
Drury Lane Memories.
Regal Cinema Orchestra.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal & Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.
A ekoki—Fox Trot.
Hawaiian Love—Waltz (Lizzie Alo-hikoa)...Noi Lane's Hawaiian Orch.
Lonesome Without My Baby.
Lion Rag.....Masters' Hawaiians.
Underneath the blue Hawaiian Skies—Waltz (Wasserman).
Sweet Hawaiian Dream Girl—Waltz (Green & Williams).....The Hawaiian Marimba Players.
Oh! Rosalita (Edge and Lossas).
Hawaiian Stars are Gleaming (Edge and Rosen)...Linn Milford and his Hawaiian Players.
Song of the islands—Waltz (King).
The Moana Serenaders.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast & Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Variety Programme.
Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D. 9.

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The Veleta (Morris).
Billy Merrin & His Commanders.
Was it Rain? (Lou Handman—Walter Hirsch).
Sweet Heartache (Ned Washington—Sam H. Stept)...Frances Langford.
Ever so Quiet (More).
At the Battle of Waterloo (Le Clerq).....Bobbie Comber.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5 p.m.—Relay of the dance Orchestra of the Hong Kong Hotel from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
1. (a) My heaven on Earth, (b) The Shag, (c) Ebb Tide, (d) Rockin' the town.
2. (a) Sailboat in the Moonlight, (b) Song of India, (c) Why talk about love, (d) Satan takes a holiday.
3. (a) Everything you said came true, (b) A foggy day, (c) Things are looking up, (d) Nice work if you can get it.
During the intervals the following records will be played from ZBW.

6 p.m.—Children's Hour from the Studio.
7 p.m.—Paul Robeson.
You Didn't Oughta Do Such Things (Dyrenforth & Eric Ansell).
Lazin' (Dyrenforth & Eric Ansell).
My Way (Kennedy & Carr).
7.10 p.m.—Gilbert and Sullivan.
"The Yeomen of the Guard".
Alas! I Waver to and fro.
Nellie Briercliffe, Walter Glynn, Peter Dawson.
Is Life a Boon?...Derek Oldham.
How say you, maiden, will you wed...Arthur Hoskins, Winifred Lawson, George Baker.
I've jibe and joke...George Baker.
'Tis done! I am a bride!
Winifred Lawson.
7.27 p.m.—Albert Sandler.
Song of Paradise (R. King) Asst. by J. Byfield (Piano) and S. Torch (Organ).
Always (K. L. Smith) Asst. by J. Byfield (Piano), S. Torch (Organ) and J. Samehtini (Cello).
Looking for you (H. Taylor & W. Sanderson) Olive Groves (Soprano).
At the violin (H. Taylor & H. Fisher) Olive Groves (Soprano) (Jean Melville at the Piano).
7.40 p.m.—Studio—Peter Randolph (Vocal) and Doreen Ma.
1. Never in a Million Years.
Peter Randal.
2. That Old Feeling.....Doreen Ma.
3. You Can't Run Away from Love To-night (Vocal).
4. Medley (Piano Solo).
5. The Lady Who Couldn't Be Kissed (Vocal).
6. Sophisticated Lady (Piano Solo).
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
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8.05 p.m.—Ravel—Bolero (By request).
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Kreisler.
Fair Rosemary (Echon Rosmarin).
(Kreisler) piano accompanied by Carl Lamson.
Rondino (On a theme by Beethoven).
(Kreisler) piano accompanied by Carl Lamson.
Dance of the Marionette (Winternitz).
(Kreisler) piano accompanied by Carl Lamson.
8.30 p.m.—London Relay at the Black 11 p.m.—Close down.

Peter Randolph and Doreen Ma

Dog. Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour presented by Pascoe Thornton.
9 p.m.—Vladimir Horowitz.
Presto-Passionato.....(Schumann).
(a) Pastourel (b) Toccata... (Poulenc).
Etude XI Pour Les Arpes Composites.....(Debussy).
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs." A talk by the Rt. Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson, G.C.M.G., K.B.E.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Mlle. Lucienne Boyer and Orch. Raymond.
Polonaise Militaire (Chopin—Arr. Walter).
Invitation to the Waltz (Weber—Arr. Walter).
Son Regard (Parloes de Jamblan—Musique de Michel Emer).
Song of the Vagabonds (Introd. "Huguette's Waltz") (Friml).
Only A Rose (Introd. "Some Day") (Friml).
Solitude (Laurent and Carcel) in French.
Viens Danser Quand Meme (Jamblan and Delettire) in French.
Chanson D'amour (Sux).
10.20 p.m.—Clapham and Dwyer on Photography.
10.26 p.m.—New Dance and Variety Records.
When Bomba Plays a Rumba (Grey—Berglas).....Henry Jacques.
The Girl in the handsome Cab Comedy Waltz (Kennedy)....Jack Harris and his Orch. Vocalist Elsoe Carlisle.
I'm a Little Prairie Flower....Jack Harris & Orch. Vocalist Elsoe Carlisle.
Afraid to Dream—Fox-Trot. Benny Goodman & his Orch. (with Vocal Refrain).
Roll' Em—Fox-Trot (Mary Lou Williams)....Benny Goodman & his Orchestra.
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If It's the last thing I do—Fox-Trot (Cahn—Chaplin)....Ben Frankel and his Orch. with local Refrain.
11 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Responses

The two no-trumps response, while forcing to game, is a limiting bid and suggests slam possibilities only if your partner has substantially more than a minimum opening. It is made with a high card value of from $8\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 ($2\frac{1}{2}$ plus to $3\frac{1}{2}$ quick tricks). It indicates a hand of a balanced type and preparation for the lead of any suit other than the one your partner has bid, and with a minimum of two small cards in your partner's suit.

Two of the worst habits a bridge-player can get into are (1) jumping into no-trumps with a singleton in partner's suit; and (2) jumping into no-trumps with a suit wide open. Another habit which is almost as bad is to shade your requirements for a two no-trumps bid because you have no-trumps distribution and feel that you are too strong to bid merely one no-trumps. This is where the exploratory bid fills the gap.

For instance, your partner opens the bidding with one heart and you hold.

S.—K x x
H.—10 x
D.—A J 10 x
C.—K x x x

Your hand is not quite strong enough to respond with two no-trumps, and it is too strong for a one no-trumps response. This is where you temporise and use the exploratory response. You now bid two diamonds. If your partner bids two hearts, you bid two no-trumps; if your partner bids two no-trumps in response to your two-diamond bid, you may now bid three no-trumps.

Suppose your partner has opened the bidding with a spade and you hold.

S.—J x x
H.—A x
D.—A Q x x
C.—10 x x x

You are again confronted with a choice of bids, but your problem has now been increased, as, in addition to the one and two no-trumps responses you were considering before, you now also have the possibility of raising your partner in spades.

However, you should again temporise and bid two diamonds. Now

if your partner bids two spades, you do not bid two no-trumps, but instead three spades. If your partner bids two no-trumps or three diamonds, however, you will now bid three no-trumps.

The jump to three of partner's suit indicates substantial trump support—at least four—and a high card value of $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $10\frac{1}{2}$. It is forcing to game but, like the jump two no-trumps response, invites a slam only if partner has substantially more than a minimum.

The jump to four of partner's suit is made with a high card value of $6\frac{1}{2}$ or less, but here the trump or distributional support is so great that you expect to have a satisfactory play for game even if partner has a minimum.

The difference between the jump to three of your partner's suit and the jump to four is that the jump to three invites a slam if partner has more than a minimum, whereas the jump to four announces to partner that a slam is to be bid only if the original bidder has a very strong hand.

The type of hand on which you would jump to three and the type on which you would jump to four may vary greatly in high card strength. Here is a typical example of the former:

S.—Q x x x
H.—A x x
D.—A K x x
C.—x x

After an opening bid of one spade by your partner you raise to three. Raise partner to four spades with

S.—Q x x x x
H.—x x
D.—A x x x x
C.—x

Although the first hand has a much greater high card value, it has about the same probability to make game with partner having an opening bid as the second hand, on which you bid four, owing to the ruffing values that the latter hand offers.

However, as the reader can readily see, the second hand offers very little chance for a slam unless the original bidder has opened with a very strong hand, whereas the first hand offers very good slam possibilities.

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Hong Kong, 26th January, 1938.

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F. H. CRAPNELL,
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Hong Kong, 26th January, 1938.

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UNITED STATES MAY WIDEN PANAMA: GRAVE VIEW OF INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt's long-awaited message on national defence is understood to be not ready yet, the President apparently taking his time with the message not only because the army's competitive claims have not been finally allocated, but also because he feels that the reasons which lead him to recommend the nation to re-arm on a scale never previously attempted in peace time, require very careful explanation to members of Congress and the electorate.

With this aim in view, President Roosevelt yesterday arranged for Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, to explain in private talks with Senators, the Administration's view on foreign policy.

It is learned that further contacts are being made between members of the Administration and Congress.

GRAVE VIEW

The Administration's view that the international situation necessitates rearmament on an impressive scale is likely to be resisted by a considerable group of Congressmen, who advocate withdrawal from the Far East and other danger zones, and concentration on a policy of Pan-American friend-

ships. The Government is confident, however, that after the full gravity of its view on foreign relations is laid before Congress leaders privately, rearmament will be approved by a substantial majority in both Houses.

Most troublesome factor is the size of the projected battleships.

PANAMA CANAL

The naval authorities are loath to build over the limit of 40,000 tons when such giants will barely scrape through the Panama Canal.

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Mexico City, To-day.

Continuance of normal oil company activity pending the Supreme Court's decision on the wages question is assured by the foreign oil companies posting of a bond of 3,000,000 pesos.

Meanwhile the validity of the conciliation board's award will be tested in the Supreme Court.—Reuter.

Suffering from burns on face and body and from shock, due to scalding by some molten lead, while working at the foundry at the Hong Kong Electric Company installation yesterday, North Point, Chan Yau, a workman, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

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